

New college format better for spectators

BY DEBORAH MANN LAKE
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

The Rice Owls opened up their spring season this weekend under a new team format that's optional for dual matches but will be used for the National Team Indoor Tournament.

The Owls, playing in the San Diego Invitational today, begin dual match play next Friday at Atlanta.

Tennis

Under the new format, three doubles matches (a pro set to eight games with a 12-point tie-breaker) will be played and the team winning two of the three matches gets a point.

Six singles matches (best two of three) will follow, worth a point each. To win the team match, a team needs to win at least four points.

Rice Coach Larry Turrville said the new format should make matches shorter but more exciting.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for one of Rice's biggest weekends — the Rice Gulf Coast Chemical Invitational March 19-21. Southwest Conference play will begin March 27 when Rice hosts Baylor.

Tiebreak try: The annual Virginia Slims of Houston Tiebreak Tournaments are just around the corner. The three tournaments will be played at 11 a.m. Saturday at Homer Ford; 9 a.m. Feb. 23 at Copperfield; and 9 a.m. March 3 at Chancellors.

The tournaments and the Virginia Slims event will benefit the Houston Tennis Association, the Houston Professional Tennis Association and the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS.

Winners will be invited to play in the Tiebreak Finals at the Slims event at Westside Tennis Club March 24.

Winning ways: Chris Howell edged out Margit Gergelyne in the recent Fort Bend Tennis Services Novice Tennis Tournament, part of the USTA's Play Tennis America Program, at Sugar Land City Park Tennis Courts.

The program is designed to introduce adults to tennis at a grassroots level that will bring them up to tournament play level quickly. It combines lessons, league play, and tournament play in a similar way to the National Junior Tennis League. The adult program is co-run by the Fort Bend Tennis Services and the Sugar Land Parks & Recreation Department. For information, call 980-4219.

Junior notice: Another USTA program

4 keys make up good backhand

BY DAVID A. CONSOLAZIO
SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

Michael Chang provides a good example of how to hit a backhand with consistency and pace. If you've ever seen Chang's groundstrokes, you know that because of his exceptional speed he is able to set up early for his shot.

There are four keys to a good backhand:

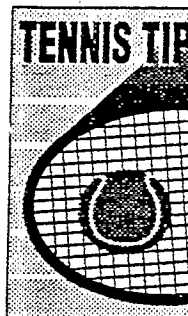
1) Prepare early with both knees bent. Bring your racquet back as soon as you start toward the ball. Don't just turn your body, keeping the racquet in front of your body and then having to jerk it back. Try to beat the ball so that you're set up waiting on your back foot.

2) Transfer your weight. After you're set up, transfer your weight to your front foot, hitting the ball out in front. Bend both knees and make sure your back leg isn't locked. Both the front and back knees should be bent.

3) Hit the ball well out in front of your body, hitting up and through the ball.

4) Finally, extend forward with both arms on the follow-through toward the target for accuracy.

David Consolazio is assistant tennis pro at The Forest Club. The tennis tip, provided by the Houston Tennis Association, appears on Sundays.



the Junior Team Tennis League, will be taking registration for the Southwest Houston area. Play will be on Saturday afternoons, beginning Feb. 27. The deadline for registering is Feb. 18. For a registration form, check your local club or call Jim Moellering, 960-8302. The league is for non-championship juniors only.

Believe it or not: With Martina Navratilova possibly in her last year of full-time play, the number one player at the Kraft Tour

THE WEEK AHEAD

■ A Junior Novice Tournament for ages 10-14 will be Friday-Feb. 14 at the Homer Ford Tennis Center. Play includes singles and doubles. Deadline is Wednesday. Call 747-5466 for more information.

TENNIS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

11-12 — Adult Team Tennis registration by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Sports Programming office, 2999 S. Wayside Dr. Play will be Saturday mornings at Memorial, Southwest and Homer Ford Tennis Center with advanced, intermediate and beginner leagues. Cost is \$20 per team; call 641-5051 for more information.

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are keeping track of a record career.

Some tidbits: Navratilova's first pro tournament victory was before Monica Seles was born. She has won more career singles titles (161) than the combined total of the other 134 ranked American players (126).

Seles is doing her own adding to the record books. Seven more match victories will give her the top spot (over Chris Evert for winning percentage in the era of Open tournaments. Her record right now is 24:28, a percentage of .8996.

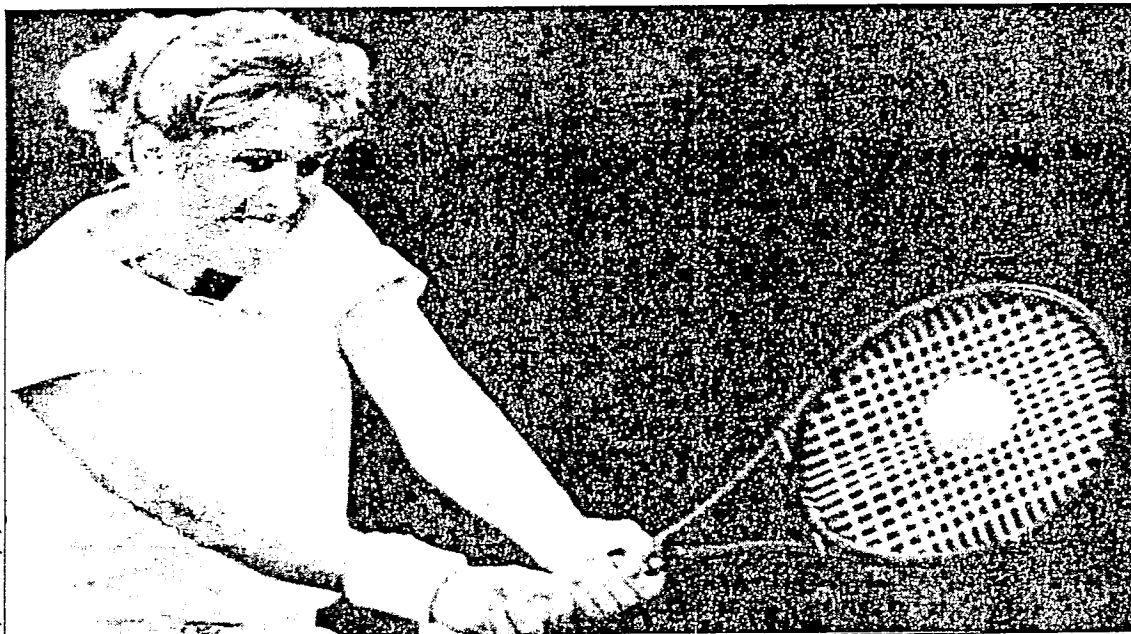
Star gazing: Remember when Sel talked about wanting to be a movie star? Now Gabriela Sabatini is looking toward singing career when her court days are over.

She has recently sung twice in public two Kraft Tour social events and reported enjoyed her stage presence.

Deborah Mann Lake's tennis notebook appears on Sundays.

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Sports Forum



Chronicle file

Tracy Austin, once the No. 1 women's tennis player in the world, will try another comeback.

Austin set to hit comeback trail

The women's tennis world could regain another headliner later this month when Tracy Austin makes her comeback at the Matrix Essentials/Evert Cup in Indian Wells, Calif.

Austin, No. 1 in 1980, has not played competitively since suffer-

ing a near-fatal car accident prior to the 1989 U.S. Open. Austin still reigns as the youngest U.S. Open singles champion, winning the Grand Slam event in 1979 at 16. She was the youngest competitor at Wimbledon at 14 and the one to stop Chris Evert's six-year, 125-match clay-court dominance at the Italian Open in 1979.

"She feels she's ready," said Austin's brother and agent, Jeff Austin. "But she's had a lack of competition for so long, she's not doing this to go out and make her fame and fortune. She's doing it because she loves it."

And though Austin isn't thinking past her hardcourt debut in Indian Wells on Feb. 22, a successful tournament could start Austin thinking about coming to Houston in March.

Only two tournaments, the Virginia Slims of Florida and the Lipton Championships are scheduled between Indian Wells and Houston. Austin isn't likely to play either of those.

"It would be great to get her," said tournament official Martha Claussen. "She's still a real crowd-pleaser."

The drawback about Houston is

Schedule

PROFESSIONAL

■ Feb. 8-14: Virginia Slims of Chicago, \$375,000. Osaka World Ladies, Japan, \$150,000. Kroger St. Jude International, Memphis, Tenn., \$655,000.
■ Feb. 15-21: Eurocard Open, Stuttgart, Germany, \$2,125,000; Open Gaz de France, Paris, \$375,000. IGA Tennis Classic, Oklahoma City, \$150,000.

LOCAL

■ Feb. 11: Rice women vs. Lamar, 3 p.m. Jake Hess Stadium.
■ Feb. 12-14: Junior Tournament for Novices, 14 and under. Homer Ford Tennis Center. Boys and girls, ages 10-14. Deadline for entry is Feb. 10. Call 747-5466 for more information.
■ Feb. 19: Houston women vs. Lamar, 1:30 p.m. John Hoff Courts.
■ Feb. 20: Houston women at Rice, 1:30 p.m. Rice.
■ Feb. 20: Rice men vs. SW Louisiana, 10 a.m. Jake Hess Stadium.

the clay surface. While clay is easy on the knees and back, two of Austin's injured areas, she hasn't had an opportunity to practice on clay during her rehabilitation, said Jeff Austin. An earlier date this year makes Houston the first clay-court tournament of the season.

"She hasn't practiced on clay in so long, it wouldn't give her much time," Austin said. "But it is a forgiving surface. If she wants to play somewhere, she's going to have to play on clay (all major tournaments between late March and June are on clay). She may come out of there (Indian Wells) fired up and want to play Houston."

Austin has not contacted Houston tournament directors about the March 22 event which she could only play as a qualifier or wild-card entry. Houston has two wild cards which can be given out as late as March 18. Neither is currently claimed.

■ Women tennis players are invited to participate in three Virginia Slims of Houston "Tiebreak Tournaments," which will benefit the Houston Tennis Association, the Houston Professional Tennis

Association and the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of Aids.

The winners in the club or tennis center competitions will be invited to play in the "Tiebreak Finals" at the Virginia Slims of Houston at Westside Tennis Club on March 24. Class A and B winners will be awarded trophies in Center Court that evening.

Homer Ford Tennis Center, Copperfield Racquet Club and Chancellor's Racquet Club have scheduled a presentation from the Texas Center for Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery, a doubles clinic presented by an HPTA professional and a tiebreak tournament for women's A and B doubles teams.

Dates and times for the tiebreak tournaments are 11 a.m. on Feb. 13 at Homer Ford, 9 a.m. on Feb. 23 at Copperfield and 9 a.m. on March 3 at Chancellors. Eight private clubs will hold competition for their own members.

Last year's tiebreak tournaments raised \$1,500. For more information, contact Homer Ford Tennis Center at 747-5466, Copperfield Racquet club at 463-2582, Chancellors Racquet club at 772-9955 or the Virginia Slims office at 953-1111.

■ The Houston Tennis Association recently chose Jim Mavity to repeat his term as president of the association. Vice president Jeanine Baker and secretary-treasurer Steve Thurber will also remain for another term.

Board members elected for three-year terms: Gary Akers, Cindy Blakely, Sara Burns, Vicki Lee, Joyce Lewis, Mike Ricca, Frankie Solomon, Kaaran Thomas, Marcia Wasson and Patty Waters. Tennis pro Ed Thompson will serve for one year. Rice University coach Larry Turville will fill the unexpired term of Pamela Fordham for one year and Chuck Saanchelli will fill the past

president's term.

■ Houston Racquet Club pro Jim Parker will be one of three inductees into the St. Louis Tennis Hall of Fame on May 1.

Parker, a native of St. Louis, has won 50 national titles, including 31 United States Tennis Association 35s, 40s and 45s nationals and seven United States Professional Tennis Association titles.

■ Results of the 11th Annual Pre-Teen Tournament at the Houston Racquet Club: Boys 12s, Milosz Gudowski defeated Ryan Bemberg 6-3, 6-4; 10s (round robin) Robert Booker, champion; Nicholas Pronsky, runner-up; 9s (round robin), Rodney Vickers and Bryan Wooten, co-champions; 12 consolation, Kevin Yu defeated Joseph Lee 7-5, 6-2.

In girls action, 12s, Courtney Jantz defeated Andra Slatter 7-6, 5-7, 6-4; 10s (round robin) Michelle Shaung, champion; Chelsea Cunningham, runner-up; 8s (round robin), Kendra Kade, champion; Rebecca Murphy, runner-up; 12 consolation, Marcelina Gogo defeated Liz Ann Delambre 6-4, 6-3.

Gudowski won the Hap Marshall Sportsmanship Award.

■ No. 1-ranked Monica Seles, the top seed for the Virginia Slims of Houston Tournament on March 22-28, is only seven victories away from taking over the top spot from Chris Evert for open-era winning percentage.

The 19-year-old is 243-28 in career victories for an .8966 percentage. Evert was 1,309-149 or .896. Seles' next three Kraft Tour events include the Virginia Slims of Chicago this week, the Lipton Championships (March 12-21) and the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Jody Goldstein covers tennis for the Chronicle. Her notebook appears on Sunday.

Balanced attack

Finding grace and ugliness on the women's professional tennis tour

LADIES OF THE COURT.

By Michael Mewshaw.

Crown, \$21.

By JOHN WILSON

THE author of *Ladies of the Court* likens women's professional tennis to a butterfly. Outwardly, it is a thing of grace and beauty. Underneath it is an ugly bug.

The description is not unfair. Just as with the butterfly, both realities are true for women's tennis.

Michael Mewshaw spent a lot of time on the women's tour to do this book, and most people probably would agree that he achieved the "balance" that he said was his goal. This is not an expose.

The author is trying to paint a truthful picture of the game. But he isn't avoiding that area of curiosity (prurient or otherwise), sex. It's something the women's tennis establishment has never known exactly how to deal with.

There is lesbianism on the tour, although probably not as much as many believe; and according to virtually everybody who talked to the author, there are male coaches sleep-

ing with proteges half their age.

All of the players who have become stars in the past two decades have hit the big time as young girls, some no older than 13 or 14. That goes back to Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova, as well as Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger, whose promising careers were cut short by injuries; today's super stars, Monica Seles, Steffi Graf and Jennifer Capriati; and virtually the rest of the top contenders, Gigi Fernandez, Gabriela Sabatini, Conchita Martinez, the three Maleeva sisters, Zina Garrison, Mary Jo Fernandez and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

Mewshaw almost never gets a word with these players except at the formal press conferences after matches. If he does, a parent, coach or somebody with the Women's Tennis Association is hanging on to inhibit candor. When he does get a chance to probe their psyches, nothing much of substance comes out. But these are not normal teen-agers, or in the case of older ones, they are young women who never had normal teen-age experiences.

The author doesn't glamorize any of them, and certainly not the life they live. He seems to be hardest on Seles, who was the top gun in 1991 when Mewshaw was following the tour. Seles was the most vocal person on the tour, and Mewshaw apparently got frustrated because he didn't really think she had anything to say (apparently sometimes Eng-

lish as her second language was part of the problem).

Curiously, this reader in the end had quite a bit of sympathy for Seles because of her constant efforts to put on the best face and stay buoyant, and because she continually brushed aside or virtually denied that the crowds always favored her opponent.

The author makes many of the fathers of these tennis phenoms come across quite unpleasantly. While battering the male is in vogue in many circles, Mewshaw's description of the fathers, and some other males connected to the women players, seems much more an attempt to truthfully focus on the scene than pander to feminists.

Many people believe these young women would be better off delaying their professional careers until they were 18 or so. But there is no way to force that, and financial considerations make it difficult for a family to choose that course.

You don't have to be a tennis fan to find a lot in this book interesting. One thing is sure: If you read it before you go out to the Westside Tennis Club for the tournament that begins March 22, you'll look at these world-famous players in a little different light.

John Wilson is a former Chronicle sports columnist.



Seles

LUCE PRESS CLIPPINGS

Tourneys to benefit tennis community

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Each entrant will receive a

tee-shirt and may register for prizes to include tennis racquets and clothing, gift certificates from sporting goods companies and tickets to the tournament. Cost is \$10 per person, payable to the HTA.

Format in the tiebreak competition is women's doubles playing two of three 12-point tiebreakers.

For more information, contact Homer Ford Tennis Center, 747-5466; Copperfield Racquet Club, 463-2582;

Chancellors Racquet Club, 772-9955; or the Virginia Slims office, 953-1111.

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NOTEBOOKS

Cypress teen wows 'em in France

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She had already lost the first set and now 13-year-old Stephy Halsell was down 2-4 and 15-40 to Reka Vidats of Hungary. At that point, she could fold or rally. She chose to play.

A determined Halsell eventually won the match, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, to take the championship of Les Petits As in Tarbes, France. An American had not won the tournament since 1989. Halsell, from Cypress, was one of just four Americans (two boys and two girls) invited and sponsored by the United States Tennis Association to compete in the annual 14s tournament.

Along the way she defeated players from Sweden, Spain, France and Hungary.

Last year, she sprained an ankle early in the tournament. She had a rough start this time away from the courts. She arrived on a Saturday morning but did not see her luggage until Sunday afternoon. Refusing to sit around the hotel room, she borrowed clothes from fellow American Kim Gates of Michigan. Her mother, Debbie Mabry, called USTA Coach John Hill, who accompanied the team, and gave him a charge-card number to buy tennis shoes.

French newspaper accounts of the tournament called Halsell a favorite of the daily crowd of 5,000 because her spirit reminded them of Jimmy Connors. At one point, Halsell was treated to a foot-stomping and chants of "Stephanie" from the stands.

She and Gates got as far as the semifinals in the doubles competition. Gates fell in the singles semis to Vidats, Halsell's eventual opponent in the finals.

No decision has been made on whether Halsell will continue in the 16s in U.S. competition, as she has done the past two years, or jump to the 18s.

Tribute to Ashe: The Virginia Slims of Houston, which already had allotted a portion of proceeds to the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS, is now going several steps further.

Included in fund-raising activities around the March 22-28 tournament will be a silent auction of autographed sports memorabilia, including tennis rackets from Monica Seles and Chris Evert and a golf glove from Arnold

Tennis

Volunteers
invaluable

BY BEVERLY TAYLOR
SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

If you want something done, ask a busy person. We've all heard that saying, and we're not talking about a highly paid executive! We're talking about a volunteer — a species seen a lot at tennis events. The large sums of money awarded to the first- and second-place finishers in the major tournaments don't filter down very far.

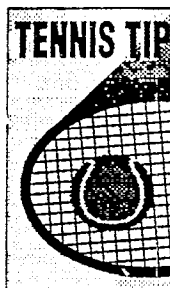
The Houston Tennis Association and the Houston Ladies Tennis Association have the most efficient and sophisticated volunteer force in the city and probably in the nation.

Why do volunteers work so hard for no pay? Love of the sport probably heads the list of reasons. Working with others who share your interest adds to the social aspect of the process.

Of course, a lot of volunteers purely want to give something back to a sport that gives them pleasure. Some feel that the promotion of a healthy pursuit such as tennis keeps kids off the streets.

The tournament requiring the largest volunteer force is the Virginia Slims of Houston. This tournament, the River Oaks Invitational and the Houston Coca-Cola Open are in the spring and tend to stretch our volunteer force rather thin.

Beverly Taylor is a former Houston Tennis Association president and a current volunteer. The tennis tip, provided by the HTA, appears on Sunday.



Palmer.

Also, a general fund-raising drive is scheduled by tournament volunteers, who come from the Houston Tennis As-

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6-7 — Spring Open Singles and Doubles Tournament, Championship, A, B and C flights, Tennis World. Deadline March 1; 785-0992.

12-14 — Bay Area Racquet Club Senior Open, adult and senior singles, doubles and special events. Deadline Feb. 26; 488-7026.

20-21 — Copperfield SE ZAT, boys and girls 14-18, Copperfield Racquet & Health Club. Deadline March 5; 463-2582.

sociation, the Houston Professional Tennis Association and other local non-profit tennis groups.

A fast-serve contest is scheduled, with tournament sponsor Lexus matching the speed of the serve with \$10 for every mile per hour. A portion of the proceeds from the HTA's tie-break tournament also will go to the foundation.

During the tournament, an Arthur Ashe Foundation booth will distribute educational materials on AIDS. Players will be wearing yellow tennis ball patches with red ribbons in honor of Ashe, who died of an AIDS-related illness.

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Young Halsell's star is on rise

Cypress' Stephy Halsell continues to add trophies to her collection. Just three months after the 13-year-old seized her first national title, Halsell has earned international fame.

Halsell was one of two American girls who represented the United States Tennis Association last week



Tennis Notebook
Jody Goldstein

at the Les Petit As 14-and-under international competition in Tarbes, France.

Halsell won six matches and eventually battled back from a one-set deficit to take a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4

win over Reka Vidats of Hungary in the finals. It was Halsell's first international title.

"I played real well," said Halsell, who trains under Houstonian Butch Walts. "I played the way Butch wanted me to — topspin and topspin."

Halsell is ranked No. 5 in the country in 16s despite turning 13 only four months ago. The 105-pound seventh grader has tremendous speed for her wiry size. She has a serve estimated around 90 mph.

"My serve has been working good here lately," Halsell said. "It's real hard going across the net."

The French tournament was Halsell's second. She made the trip to Les Petit As last year, but sprained her ankle in the first game of her first match and was eventually forced to withdraw. She came in as the top seed this year in the 64-person draw.

Halsell beat players from Spain, Hungary, Romania and France before coming up against Vidats who she had the chance to watch both earlier in the tournament and at this year's Orange Bowl.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match from what I'd seen," Halsell said.

Halsell dropped the first set 4-6.

She was down 4-2, 40-15 in the second set before battling back.

"I just thought to myself, 'I can't lose this game,'" Halsell said. "She shanked two shots and it was deuce and I knew I could come back and win the next two."

Halsell plans to step up her national playing schedule and add some more international tournaments this year. Her next project will be the Easter Bowl, where she reached the quarterfinals last year.

"It's (realization of her accomplishment) still not coming to me quite yet," Halsell said. "It took a long time for that (national title) to happen. I didn't think this would happen that quick."

■ You may have heard rumors that Martina Navratilova would return to the Virginia Slims of Houston this year. Though there is time to change her mind, Navratilova confirmed from Japan this week that Houston is not on her 1993 schedule.

Speaking of Navratilova, her title last week in Tokyo gave her crowns in 21 consecutive years. To put that in perspective, she has won titles while six different United States presidents have been in office. She won one during the Nixon administration, six under Ford, 38 under Carter, 93 under Reagan and now one under Clinton.

■ You'll be able to do your part to help the Arthur Ashe Foundation reach its 15-month, \$5 million goal for AIDS funding and education at the Virginia Slims of Houston on March 22-28 at Westside Tennis Club.

Arthur Ashe Foundation booths will collect donations and distribute education material on AIDS at tennis tournaments worldwide, including all Virginia Slims tournaments.

Players on the men's and women's tours will wear yellow tennis balls with red ribbons as a sign of their support for the foundation and its efforts.

■ Some of the best teaching professionals in the area will showcase their talents Feb. 19-21 at the Met Pro Doubles and Pro Am at the Met-

ropolitan Club.

The three-day tourney, with a Saturday pro-am event, features such talents as Sammy Giammalva from the Met, Juan Ayala of the Forest Club, David Dowlen of the Houston Country Club, Butch Walts of the Northgate Country Club and Jim Paker from the Houston Racquet Club.

There will be three flights: pro men, pro mixed and championship mixed. For more information or to participate in the Pro Am, call Keith Christman at 652-0700 or Andy Zodin at 236-3017. The tournament is free to the public.

■ Did you know that two Southwest Conference men's tennis coaches are among the Division I-A active winningest coaches in career victories? Texas' Dave Snyder is second on the list with a 523-181 record in 34 years (.743 win percentage). Only UCLA's Glen Bassett tops those numbers. Bassett has put together a 571-87 record (.868 percent) in 26 years.

Texas A&M's Dave Kent is fifth on the list with a 445-192 record (.699 percent) in 23 years.

Others in the top five include Stanford's Dick Gould and Murray State's Benny Purcell.

■ Twenty Houston area kids qualified for championship tennis play by winning their divisions in the Houston ZAT Tournament at the Southwest Tennis Center. The tournament draw contained over 550 players.

The girls who qualified: Leah Rogers and D'Ann Emmett in 18s; Anjali Sinha, Barbara San Juan and Stacey Sabala in 16s; and Gwang-Yi Hwang and Meredith Watson in 14s.

Boys who qualified: Diego Villamizar, Shawn Peschke, Chad DuBose, Dwayne Schilhab and Jeffrey McAlister in 18s; Ohad Klein, Jason Kanthack, Go Sugaya, Elias Gumpel and Brian Boles in 14s; Kareem Bennett, Bryan O'Neal and Scott Morrow in 14s.

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TENNIS

McNeil out of Houston Slims

BY JIM MOLONY
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

Eight players, including Australian Open quarterfinalist Julie Halard, joined the field for the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston Thursday but Houstonian Lori McNeil dropped out because of a scheduling conflict.

Halard, ranked No. 20 in the world, will be making her first Houston appearance during the clay court tournament March 22-28 at the Westside Tennis Club.

Others committing Thursday were Radka Zrubakova, Sandra Cecchini, Sabine Hack, Ann Grossman, Iva Majoli, Florencia Labat and Linda Harvey-Wild. The field stands at 15 after previous commitments from top-ranked Monica Seles, Jennifer Capriati, Conchita Martinez, Jana Novotna, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, Katerina Maleeva and Mary Pierce.

"Our field is shaping up to be one of the strongest in recent memory," tournament director

Barbara Perry said.

Halard lost to Seles at the Australian Open and has continued her steady climb up the rankings since upsetting Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in the second round of Wimbledon last year.

No. 41 Majoli will make her second Houston appearance after upsetting McNeil in the second round last year. She lost to Zina Garrison-Jackson in the quarterfinals. In one year she has jumped more than 300 places in the rankings and was the only unseeded player to reach the quarterfinals at last week's Virginia Slims of Chicago.

Zrubakova (No. 32) and Cecchini (34) both have made it to the quarterfinals here in previous years. Hack (37), Grossman (38) and Harvey-Wild (43) are also veterans of the Houston event.

Three more players, not including four qualifiers and two wild cards, remain to be added to complete the 28-player draw. The top four seeds receive first-round byes.

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McNeil to skip Houston Slims

By JODY GOLDSTEIN
Houston Chronicle

Though the Virginia Slims of Houston is shaping up to have one of the best fields in recent history, the two top local pros won't be participating. Houstonian Lori McNeil, expected to be one of the eight seeded players, has withdrawn from the tournament. She will instead play in the Light & Lively Doubles tournament in Florida. The two tournaments are the same week, since the Virginia Slims of Houston moved from mid-April to March 22-28 this year.

Houston's other local star, Zina Garrison-Jackson, will also miss the

Slims.

McNeil, ranked No. 11 in doubles, and partner Rennae Stubbs, ranked No. 10, are seeded third at the Light & Lively. The doubles tournament, which pays \$65,000 to the winners and \$30,000 to the finalists, has the most lucrative non-Grand Slam doubles payoff. Because only eight teams are entered, McNeil and Stubbs have a solid shot at reaching the final.

The Houston event pays \$75,000 to the winner, \$37,500 to the finalist and \$18,750 to the semifinalists. With a field that boasts No. 1 Monica Seles and Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati, McNeil will likely earn more money in Florida.

The date change was also a deterrent to Garrison-Jackson, who never entered the field. Houston is now the earliest clay tournament, beginning just two days after the end of the hardcourt season. Garrison wanted more time between surfaces.

Several new players have joined the field. They include Julie Halard, Radka Zrubakova, Sandra Cecchini, Sabine Hack, Ann Grossman, Iva Majoli, Florencia Labat and Linda Harvey-Wild.

The top seeds were announced last month. Joining Seles and Capriati are Conchita Martinez, Jana Novotna, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, Katerina Maleeva and Mary Pierce.



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Lori McNeil, like Zina Garrison-Jackson, will miss the Houston Slims on March 22-28.

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NOTEBOOKS

Garrison-Jackson joins 500-win club

BY DEBORAH MANN LAKE
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

It's official. Zina Garrison is now Zina Garrison-Jackson. And regardless of the name, Houston's best-known active tennis star just notched her 500th victory last Monday at the IGA Tennis Classic in Oklahoma.

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With the win, she became the 12th woman in the Open era with 500 match victories and the fifth active player on the Kraft Tour to reach 500. The others are Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf, Pam Shriver and Helena Sukova. Gabriel Sabatini isn't too far behind at 489 going into the Oklahoma tournament.

Unfortunately, Houston won't have the pleasure of seeing Garrison-Jackson play this year at the Virginia Slims of Houston. Coming off the hardcourt Lipton Championships the week before, Garrison said there's not enough time to prepare for the clay courts of Westside Tennis Club. The tournament was moved this year from mid-April to March 22.

Doubling up: When it comes to tournament competition, a lot of players put all their efforts into singles play and the doubles are an afterthought, particularly if the singles didn't go well.

Houston Racquet Club pro Jim Parker has another way of looking at it. If he doesn't do well in singles, it makes him want to win the doubles even more. No doubt that's part of the reason why Parker continues to add to his list of United States Tennis Association titles.

The most recent came last Monday when he teamed up with San Francisco's Ken Robinson to win the doubles crown at the USTA National 50-and-over Indoor Tournament in Salt Lake City. They outlasted Clark Robinson of San Francisco and Rob Cadwallader of Memphis 6-4, 7-6 (10-8).

Parker isn't even sure how many USTA titles he has — 42 or 43, he guessed. He also has won several United States Professional Tennis Association titles and a couple of International Tennis Federation titles.

Parker says competitive play balances the number of hours he spends on the court coaching. "After playing tournaments, it's easier to empathize with kids when I'm coaching," he added. "When they make a mistake, I think about the times I've been trying really hard on court and still make mistakes. Sometimes, the ball just doesn't want to go where you want it."

The young and the restless: There's a

Eyes on ball,
off opponent

BY CHRIS BOVETT
SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

When you hit a passing shot, the tendency is to look up and see where your opponent is while your racket is trying to make contact with the ball.

It is very difficult to hit the ball clearly and accurately while watching your opponent.

If your opponent is any good, you know about where on the net he will be, so you don't have to look at him. If he isn't any good, it doesn't matter where he is on the net. Your job is to keep your head still and watch the ball on your racket.

Keep your eyes trained on the spot where your ball made impact while you follow through and drill the passing shot or lob.

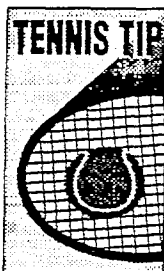
I remember playing a boy in England who would pass, lob or angle by me every time I approached the net. He never looked to see where I was.

After being passed monotonously for several sets, I became frustrated and yelled at him, "You're so lucky, you don't even watch the ball!"

Several years later, after receiving instruction from Australian coach Jack Shaw, I realized why he had been able to pass me.

I equated his keeping his head down after impact with not seeing where the ball was going, and therefore not watching it. Of course, he was watching the ball very well and didn't even bother about me or the net.

Chris Bovett is head professional at Westside Tennis Club. The tennis tip, provided by the Houston Tennis Association, appears on Sunday.



THE WEEK AHEAD

■ The second of three Virginia Slims Tie-break tournaments will be held Tuesday at Copperfield Racquet Club. Competition will include women's A and B doubles. For information, call 463-2582.

TENNIS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

26-28 — Wimbledon Senior Open, Wimbledon Racquet Club, Spring. Entries closed; for spectator information, call 370-5801.

27 — Fort Bend's 1993 Adult Grand Prix Fun Doubles Tournament Series, Sugar Land Middle School and Quail Valley East. Deadline Wednesday; 980-4219.

27-28 — Bay Area Championship Junior Major Zone, Bay Area Racquet Club. Entries closed; for spectator information, 488-7026.

27-28 — HTA 12s Major Zone. Headquarters Southwest Tennis Center. Entries closed; for spectator information, 973-7636.

MARCH

3 — Virginia Slims Tiebreak Tournament, women's A and B doubles, 9 a.m. at Chancellor's Racquet Club. Call 772-9955.

6-7 — Spring Open Singles and Doubles Tournament, Championship, A, B and C flights, Tennis World. Deadline March 1; 785-0992.

6-7 — ZAT Warmup Tournament for unqualified junior players, Wimbledon Racquet Club, Spring. Deadline March 3; 370-5801.

6 — Fort Bend's 1993 Adult Grand Prix Fun Doubles Tournament Series, First Colony (Grants Lake). Deadline March 3; 980-4219.

12-14 — Bay Area Racquet Club Senior Open, adult and senior singles, doubles and special events. Deadline Friday; 488-7026.

20-21 — Copperfield SE ZAT, boys and girls 14-18, Copperfield Racquet & Health Club. Deadline March 5; 463-2582.

26-28 — Walden Senior Open, Walden Racquet Club, Montgomery. Deadline March 5; (409) 582-1022.

USTA Sanctions and Schedules Committee, said he thinks there should be a competitive 25s division and that maybe it should be called "Adults/Seniors." Using seniors to describe players in the current 30s and 35s divisions does seem like rushing things a bit.

In any case, Potts' main thrust is beginning a new 25s division. "We think it's the best opportunity to keep the young players in the game," he was quoted as saying. The alternative is a movement toward "That four-letter word ... g-o-l-f," he said.

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Sports Forum

UT spare Thompson is San Jac's wheel

The University of Texas' depth turned out to benefit a local team as San Jacinto College picked up the Longhorn leftovers and ended up with the No. 2-ranked player in the nation among junior colleges.

South African Glyde Thompson transferred to San Jacinto after finding the traditionally-strong Longhorns couldn't give him the playing time he needed.



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"The coach at UT called me and asked me if I'd be interested in him," San Jacinto coach Steve Hyatt said. "He wanted to see him play more, but he just couldn't make UT's lineup. He was lost in the middle there, fighting for one of the bottom spots at UT. It turned out great for us."

Thompson earned the No. 2 ranking after a solid fall season that included a final appear-

ance at the Rolex for small colleges. He was invited to the Rolex Nationals for NCAA Division II, III, NAIA schools and junior colleges. Thompson beat the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds to again reach the finals.

"I was playing well," Thompson said. "I could beat anybody. Nobody could go out and beat me. If I lost, it was because I didn't play well."

Thompson said the transfer helped, lessening the pressure to allow him to focus more on his game.

"When I got to UT, I wasn't playing well at all," he said. "There was a lot of pressure because if you lose, you drop. Everything was about winning and losing, not just playing. Sometimes it helps to lose because it makes you more focused. There,

winning was everything."

Thompson's biggest advantages are his height and strength which the 6-foot-7 sophomore uses to intimidate his opponents.

"He has a tendency to intimidate other people and he plays a power serve and volley," Hyatt said. "The usual defense against (height) is the chip return at the feet, but he's very good at getting down on that. He has a tendency to overpower people on every point."

And Thompson's talent doesn't just rest in singles. Thompson and partner Ka-vhei Kam go into the spring season as the No. 5-ranked doubles team in the nation among junior colleges. The two make an interesting pair with Kam standing at only 5-feet-8.

"They're an unusual looking pair, the long and short of it," Hyatt said. "But they play really well together. We expect them to do really well."

Thompson will get his first test of the spring season today when the Ravens face Tyler Junior College, which has been ranked among the Top 5. San Jacinto is currently ranked 6th.

"We have the potential for the first time in a long time to have a national champion here," Hyatt said. "It's exciting."

■ Hyatt enters the 1993 season as the Junior College Coach of the Year. He was given that honor by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association after leading the 1992 Raven women to a fifth-place finish and the men to the consolation title at last year's nationals.

Hyatt was also selected Junior College Coach of the Year by the Texas Tennis Association.

■ Fans at the 1989 Virginia Slims of Houston may feel like they discovered Monica Seles. That tournament was Seles' first pro title, only two years before she earned the No. 1 ranking.

Spectators at last year's Virginia Slims of Houston may have discovered another budding talent.

Though it's not likely she'll challenge Seles or Jennifer Capriati for this year's crown, don't count out 15-year-old Iva Majoli.

You may remember her from last year, upsetting Lori McNeil in the second round. The Houston event was Majoli's first major tournament, which she entered as a wild card.

The teen from Croatia, who came into last year's tournament ranked No. 537, will come in this year with a ranking of 41.

Besides beating McNeil, Majoli also beat No. 2 seed Nathalie Tauziat in the second round at Indianapolis. She beat McNeil again in the second round of Oakland and was the only unseeded player to advance to the quarterfinals at last week's Virginia Slims of Chicago.

■ More Virginia Slims: Houston entry Sandra Cecchini became only the fourth women in the open era to earn at least one singles title for 10 consecutive years when she won the Clarins Open in Paris last year.

Cecchini has made three other Houston appearances. She reached the quarterfinals in 1990 and '92 and the semifinals in 1991.

■ Houstonian Richey Reneberg moved into the No. 1 individual spot in doubles this week. Partner Jim Grabb is No. 2. It was also announced that the duo may play doubles for the United States in Davis Cup first-round action.

Even with the high rankings, it's hard to top the achievements of Australians Todd Woodbridge (4) and Mark Woodforde (3). The pair increased their undefeated finals streak to 14 with a victory at the Kroger/St. Jude International.

The Australians have a 14-0 record in finals since February 1991 when they first won together in Brussels.

Jody Goldstein covers tennis for the Chronicle. Her notebook appears on Sundays.

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Westside Tennis Club's Sheri Roane, left, goes over details of the Virginia Slims of Houston Tournament with Jack Kendall of Westside Lexus and Martha Claussen of the International Management Group.



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Big City Beat

... Nothing's too good for the top players in the upcoming Virginia Slims of Houston Tournament March 22-28, which is why International Management Group's Martha Claussen was head-huddling with Westside Lexus' Jack Kendall, one of the tournament sponsors, and Sheri Roane of Westside Tennis Club last week at the J.W. Marriott. They were checking out the special suites, complete with spiral staircases, reserved for the top players — Monica Seles, No. 1 in the world, and Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati. The tournament will be played at the Westside Tennis Club. For ticket info, call 953-1111...

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NOTEBOOKS

No hard feelings on Kraft's pullback

BY DEBORAH MANN LAKE
OF THE HOUSTON POST STAFF

So Kraft isn't exercising its option for exclusive negotiation to sponsor the 1995 women's professional tennis tour. So what does that mean?

In a nutshell, it means the Women's Tennis Council is going to be looking for a new tour sponsor.

Behind the complicated wording of Kraft's announcement earlier this week is an inability for the two sides — Kraft and the WTC — to hammer out a new sponsorship agreement. The current one, a five-year contract, runs out at the end of the 1994 season.

Both sides are quick to say, however, that this doesn't mean Kraft won't be sponsoring women's tennis on some other level. It just won't be doing the whole 63-tournament package. And since Virginia Slims is part of that tour package, it means that company (a sister of Kraft under the Philip Morris umbrella) won't be sponsoring the \$2.5 million player bonus pool, the worldwide ranking system and the end-of-the-year championships.

However, Virginia Slims can still negotiate to sponsor individual tournament titles, such as the Virginia Slims of Houston.

"It boils down to a business decision," said Tom Keim, director of event marketing for Kraft. "Where they wanted to go and aspects of how the tour would be shaped were not where we wanted to be."

Pressed for more details, Keim said, "From a commercial identification standpoint, our assessment is that we would be getting less out of it. Some of the things they felt were benefits were not (benefits) in our assessment."

Taken a step further, Keim pointed to product merchandising, such as sample tasting that goes on at the tournament sites and local grocery stores during an event. Cappio, an iced cappuccino product made by Maxwell House, will be offered in samples here in Houston during the Slims tournament. Keim said the value the WTC placed on such a merchandising activity was more than Kraft's estimation of its value.

Anne P. Worcester, managing director of the Women's Tennis Council, basically said the same thing as Keim about the decision. "The business objectives of Kraft didn't match up with what the tour has to offer," she said. "We will be free to go out and look for and sell a fully integrated television and sponsorship package."

Worcester said the future of women's tennis relies on television. There were television advertising limitations on Virginia

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Chip shot good in doubles play

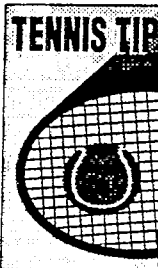
BY JIM HAMILTON
SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

A basic reliable return in the game of doubles is to chip the ball low and cross-court. This return forces a low volley if the server is rushing the net.

This volley usually results in a high return volley and can very easily be put away by a poach or by the receiver rushing to the net after the return.

If you can consistently keep the ball low and cross-court, the opponent will get tired of hitting low volleys from his shoestrings and will begin to make careless mistakes.

Jim Hamilton is head professional at Kingwood Country Club. The tennis tip, provided by the Houston Tennis Association, appears on Sunday.



Slims since it's a cigarette company.

In the meantime, Kraft still has almost two full years left on its current contract and a good working relationship with the WTC. The company recently signed a contract to sponsor the women's doubles competition at the U.S. Open and has no intention of getting out of women's tennis.

Women's tennis is the richest sport in the world for women — this year's tour has in excess of \$33 million in prize money. Worcester said attendance is up 18 percent worldwide. Overall, there seem to be no hard feelings.

"Change is good," Worcester said.

Moving on up: Zina Garrison-Jackson's recent title victory at the IGA Classic in

TENNIS CALENDAR

MARCH

5-7 — Kingwood CC Adults Levels Tournament; 358-2181.

5-7 — Clear Lake Tennis Association, mixed doubles open levels; 280-8389.

6 — Fort Bend's 1993 Adult Grand Prix Fun, Doubles Tournament Series, First Colony (Grants Lake). Deadline Wednesday; 980-4219.

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Oklahoma City shot her up in the Kraft Point Standings from No. 30 to No. 12. She also recorded her 500th victory.

Garrison-Jackson also won the doubles title with Patty Fendick, making it the first time since 1986 that she has won both the singles and doubles titles at a tournament.

Doubling up: For some time, there has been Women's Double Trouble matches, giving players a chance to get to know each other, as well as a shot at some competitive court time.

For the first time, that opportunity will be opened up to men as well. The Houston Tennis Association and the Lost Forest Tennis Club are offering men's daytime Double Trouble Tennis Play at all skill levels.

Sessions will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning this week. Cost is \$4 for HTA members and \$5 for others. To register, call 683-6815.

Spring fever: If you set your springtime tennis calendar by the Houston Coca-Cola Open, it's just about that time again.

The biggest non-professional tournament in Houston is scheduled April 9-12. It's sponsored by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department and Houston Coca-Cola and is presented by the HTA.

Deadline to enter is March 19. Call 973-7636 for more information.

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Sports Forum

UT perennially stacked with aces

If you saw last week's notebook, you read about San Jacinto's top player, Glyde Thompson, ranked No. 2 in the nation among junior-college players. Thompson has a solid shot at ending the season as the national champion.

Originally, Thompson signed to play at the University of Texas, but he found that he was struggling to get matches because he fell at the bottom of the Longhorn lineup.

There's no question that junior-college competition is not at the same level as NCAA Division I, but the fact that Texas could spare a player of Thompson's caliber is a tribute to the perennial strength of the Longhorn squad.

This season, that strength hasn't diminished any, making Texas the favorite to win the Southwest Conference. But with three men's teams ranked among the Top 25 in the nation, the conference competition may be the toughest in recent years.

The Longhorns are ranked No. 10 nationally after returning their starting six from last year's 14-10 squad. The Longhorns finished second to TCU last year but ended the season with a No. 19 ranking.

"Texas may be the most improved team in the country this year and looks like a sure bet to make NCAs after missing out last year," Intercollegiate Tennis Association media director Joe Lynch wrote in the 1993 men's prospectus. "(Texas) lacked consistency last year, but should have it in '93 with outstanding depth."

Anders Eriksson leads the squad at the No. 1 position. Trey Phillips, Ernest Ponce, Ali McDonald, Andy Mathis and Black Rue are expected to play Nos. 2-6. Eriksson and Phillips gained national attention when they teamed up to win the 1992 ITA National Clay Court Championships.

TCU, last year's SWC champion, will be Texas' biggest challenge despite losing its top two singles players. The Horned Frogs had the best season in school history last year, climbing to No. 2 in the country after reaching the final of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor.



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Schedule

PROFESSIONAL

■ March 1-7 — Virginia Slims of Florida, Delray Beach, Fla., \$375,000; Newsweek Champions Cup, \$1,400,000; Copenhagen Open, Denmark, \$175,000.
■ March 12-21 — Lipton Championships, Key Biscayne, Fla., \$500,000.
■ March 22-28 — Virginia Slims of Houston, \$375,000; Light N' Lively Doubles, Saddlebrook, Fla., \$175,000.
■ March 29-April 4 — River Oaks Invitational, Houston; Family Circle Cup, Hilton Head, S.C., \$750,000.

LOCAL

■ Feb. 28 — Houston women vs. North Carolina State, noon, John Hopp Courts; Rice women vs. Texas, noon, Jake Hess Stadium.
■ March 6-7 — Spring Open Singles & Doubles tournament, Tennis World, Men's/women's championship, A, B & C singles, championship, A & B doubles, Mixed doubles open, B. Deadline for entry is March 1. Call 785-0992 for more information.

But the Frogs will try to repeat without No. 1 Tony Bujan, No. 2 Luis Ruetie and No. 5 Mark Tjia. Returning are No. 3 Laurent Becouarn, No. 4 Ricardo Rubio (14-1 last year), No. 6 Devin Bowen (17-3), Chris Milliron and Ota Vozeh.

"TCU may be in a rebuilding year," Lynch said. "It may be more like reloading, though, with the excellent recruiting class (coach Tut) Barten has coming in."

Highlighting the newcomers is transfer Dax Peterson, an All-America doubles player at San Diego State.

Texas A&M, which tied Texas last year for second place in the conference, is ranked No. 21 after a 17-6 finish in 1992.

The Aggies boast Mark Weaver, who is capable of beating any player in conference. Also returning are No. 3 Scott Phillips, No. 4 Bernardo Martinez (12-3 last season) and No. 5 Ricardo Rodarte. Rick Flores and Ben Stevens, who shared time at No. 6 last season, both return as well.

Rice hopes to be one of the squads that figures high in the conference standings. The Owls lost All-America Steve Campbell but return nine lettermen. Rice will be led by Juan LaValle, who was 20-14 as the No. 2 player last year.

Other top returns include juniors Jose Medrano and Willie Dann. Freshman Jon Elsberry also should be prominent in the Owls' lineup. Elsberry was the No. 1 junior in Southern California last year, winning the Southern California Sectionals.

Last week was a big week for Houstonian Zina

Garrison-Jackson at the IGA Classic in Oklahoma City. Not only did Garrison-Jackson earn her 500th career match victory, she also made a clean sweep, winning her 12th singles title and teaming up with Patty Fendick for the doubles crown.

■ Keeping an eye on Virginia Slims of Houston competitors: Monica Seles beat Mary Pierce in the quarterfinals in Paris to earn her 250th career match win in only 278 matches. . . . Jennifer Capriati was forced to pull out of Indian Wells with a stomach injury.

■ Houston Racquet Club head pro Jim Parker added another trophy to his collection, winning the USTA National 50 and over doubles with partner Ken Robinson of San Francisco 6-4, 7-6 (10-8).

■ Quail Valley Tennis/Fitness Center will be hosting the first annual Sanders/Mooris/Mundy Shoot Out on March 12-14.

Local pros will round up friends to make teams to compete against teams from around Texas. There will be \$2,000 in prize money for the pros. For additional information, call 499-5621.

■ Leonardo Johns will conduct a Minority Teachers' Workshop for the United States Professional Tennis Registry on March 13-14 at Homer Ford Tennis Center.

Participants will attend a workshop on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and be tested for certification on Sunday. The written and on-court testing will last four hours.

Applicants should have tournament experience, and a 3.5 to 4.0 rating and be interested in teaching tennis. For more information, call Johns at 747-5466.

■ The 1993 Adult Grand Prix Fun Doubles Tournament Series is under way and continues each Saturday through March.

Entry fee is \$8 per player per tournament with a deadline each Wednesday for that weekend's event. Call 980-4219 for more information.

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Sports Forum

Austin to pass Slims tourney here

When Tracy Austin announced she was attempting a comeback to the professional tennis circuit, the Virginia Slims of Houston seemed like a likely tournament for her schedule. At the time, she had no plans.

And though she's been offered one of the two wild cards, she won't be



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playing Houston this year, Austin's brother/agent Jeff Austin confirmed.

"Houston just doesn't fit into her schedule right now," Jeff Austin said. "She's got a lot of corporate

commitments, a lot of things on her plate right now."

Houston tournament director Barbara Perry confirmed that she has offered Austin a wild card into the tournament scheduled March 22-28 at Westside Tennis Club after Austin had a successful showing in her comeback debut last week in Indian Wells, Calif.

Austin, the world's former No. 1,

Schedule

LOCAL

■ **March 12-14:** Quail Valley Sanders/Morris/Mundy "Shoot Out." Pro-pro tournament. Call 499-5621 for more information.

■ **March 12-14:** Bay Area R.C. Senior Open. Call Sharon at 488-7026 for more information.

■ **March 13-14:** USPTR Minority Tennis Teachers Workshop at HFTC. Call Leonardo at 747-5466 for more information.

made her first Kraft Tour appearance since 1989 last week at Indian Wells, Calif. She advanced to the third round after wins over Rennae Stubbs and second-seeded Katerina Maleeva, who will be in the Houston field.

"I discussed the possibility with Tracy at Indian Wells, and she didn't say yes, but she didn't say no, either," Perry said.

But after reviewing her upcoming schedule, which includes her wedding April 17, Austin decided a Houston appearance was impossible. She hasn't played in Houston since 1983.

"When Tracy made out her schedule, she didn't plan for this," Jeff Austin said. "She just planned on the one tournament. She's just got too many other commitments right

now."

When Austin first announced her return, she scheduled only the California tournament in late February. Due to her success, she has accepted a wild card into the Lipton Championships, which begin Friday in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Austin needs three more tournaments to get into the Virginia Slims rankings. She hopes to add some European events to her schedule, but it won't be until June, Jeff Austin said.

The European part of the circuit, played mostly on clay, should be favorable to Austin because it is easier on the body than hard courts.

Austin was plagued by injuries even before the near-fatal car accident that led to her re-retirement in 1989. She had previously retired due to these injuries, but was set for a comeback when the car accident occurred.

"Before this tournament, I wasn't even considering playing any of the European events this spring. Now I am," Austin said in a post-match interview at Indian Wells.

■ The Houston event is shaping up to be one of the best ever if the recent play of the top competitors is any indication. Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, who promises to be one of the eight seeds in Houston,

earned her 17th career singles title last week at the EA Generali Austrian Indoors in Linz. That triumph moved her into a tie for 21st in open-era titles with Virginia Ruzici. Rosie Casals is one win ahead at the No. 20 spot.

Iva Majoli, who made her Kraft Tour debut last year in Houston, continues on the upset trail. Majoli, who has twice upset Houstonian Lori McNeil, surprised the crowd again this week, knocking off No. 27-ranked Gigi Fernandez in the first round of the Virginia Slims of Florida. Majoli was ranked No. 537 last year before Houston. She is currently ranked No. 43 and will likely improve when the Fernandez upset is figured into the standings.

■ Keep your eye on Houstonian Ritchey Reneberg this week and next at the Lipton Championships. Reneberg, who is No. 16 on the money list, is having one of the best singles seasons of his seven-year career.

Reneberg upset No. 2 seed Stefan Edberg last week at the Newsweek Champions Cup in Indian Wells, Calif. It was his first victory over the Swede in six attempts.

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SPORTS DAY II

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You can improve by studying pros

By MARTHA CLAUSSEN
SPECIAL TO THE HOUSTON POST

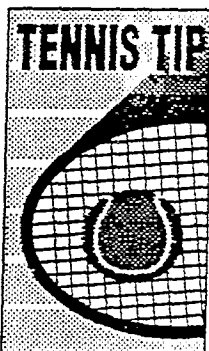
Watch some doubles matches at the Virginia Slims of Houston tournament March 22-28 and notice the importance of following your serve to the net, playing as a team and communicating and encouraging your partner.

In addition to tournament play, it is beneficial to watch the players prepare for their matches. The top women travel with coaches or hitting partners and put a great deal of time into drills and hitting before matches. The players also cross-train with stairmaster and free weights.

Today's professional tennis is physical, but also requires mental toughness. Focus on the concentration of the top players as they compete; it takes a tremendous amount of determination to practice, travel and compete weekly on the tour.

So come to the Westside Tennis Center and enjoy world-class professional tennis, get an autograph or two, and improve your game by watching the pros.

Martha Claussen is tournament manager for the Virginia Slims of Houston. The tennis tip, provided by the Houston Tennis Association, appears on Sunday.



THE WEEK AHEAD

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TENNIS CALENDAR

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13 — Fort Bend's 1993 Adult Grand Prix Fun Doubles Tournament Series, Lake Olympia. Deadline Wednesday; 980-4219. (Moves to Meadows Elementary School March 20).

13-14 — St. Patrick's Day Classic, adult singles, doubles and mixed levels. Deadline Wednesday; 977-1915.

20-21 — Copperfield SE ZAT, boys and girls 14-18, Copperfield Racquet & Health Club. Entries closed; for spectator information, 463-2582.

22-28 — Virginia Slims of Houston. Call 953-1111 for ticket information.

26-28 — Casa Ole Strawberry Spring Open, men and women, adults levels and senior singles, doubles and mixed, Strawberry Tennis Center, Pasadena. Deadline Friday; 941-8631.

26-28 — Columbia Lakes Junior Open, super-championship, championship and regular divisions for boys and girls. Deadline March 18; (409) 345-5151.

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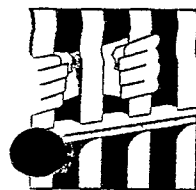
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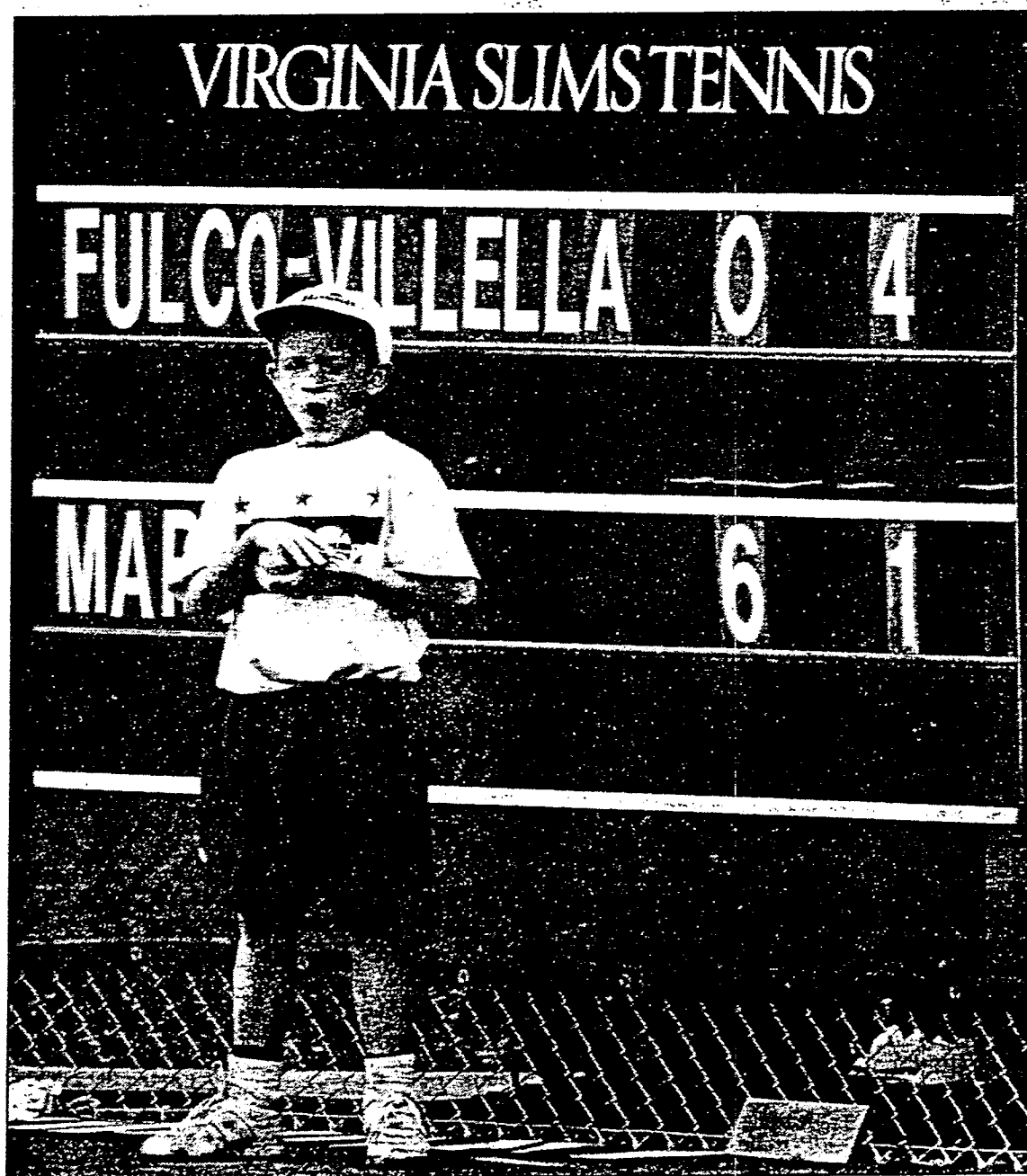
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And the score izzzzzzzz



Nine-year-old scorekeeper Blake Myers tries his best to stay awake during a match Tues-

day at the Virginia Slims of Houston tournament at Westside Tennis Club. Story/B-8.

Ira Strickstein/The Houston Post

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Sabatini's all-around game overwhelms Cecchini

By JODY GOLDSTEIN
Houston Chronicle

To beat the best, a player must have a complete game. It takes more than just a devastating serve, more than just impressive groundstrokes. And if Friday's Virginia Slims of Houston quarterfinal match was any indication, Gabriela Sabatini is quickly developing that complete game.

The No. 1-seeded Argentine dazzled fans from the baseline and at the net, taking an easy win from Sandra Cecchini 6-2, 6-1 at the Westside Tennis Club.

"She volleys very well," said coach Dennis Ralston, who left Southern Methodist University two weeks ago to work with Sabatini. "We both recognize that to beat the best, to beat (Steffi) Graf and (Monica) Seles and (Martina) Navratilova, you've got to go in (to the net) some — not all the time, because she's great from the baseline, of course."

Sabatini went to the net 23 times, winning 16 of those points against the unseeded Italian. Cecchini won only three points at the net.

"I think we both know what it's going to take to be No. 1," Ralston said. "She's going to have to improve quickness and strength and work on

her second serve. I'm real pleased with the way she's playing. She's real conscious of the little things and she's getting them done."

In other quarterfinal action, No. 3 seed Conchita Martinez of Spain defeated Argentine qualifier Patricia Tarabini 6-3, 6-2. No. 4 seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic overcame 43 unforced errors to down Radka Zrubakova of Slovakia 6-3, 7-5.

Germany's Sabine Hack was the only unseeded player to advance. Hack had an easy time with Russian Tatiana Ignatieva 6-0, 6-3. Ignatieva, who upset No. 2-seeded Jennifer Capriati in second-round play,

scored only six points in the first set, 21 for the match. Hack played a near-flawless first set, with a 100-percent first-serve accuracy and no unforced errors.

It took No. 5-ranked Sabatini only 72 minutes to knock off Cecchini, who easily defeated No. 7 seed Katerina Maleeva in second-round action. Sabatini drilled 17 winners and had only 16 unforced errors to Cecchini's 35.

"Today was a tougher match," Sabatini said. "She gets everything back, so I had more rhythm."

"I'm real pleased with my performance. I'm playing very good. I'm very confident."

Sabatini faces Martinez at 1 p.m. today in semifinal action. They have met 10 times, with Sabatini winning eight. Martinez's last victory over Sabatini came in the quarterfinals of the 1990 Lipton Players Championships. They played three times last year. All three were on clay and were won by Sabatini, with Martinez taking only one set.

"I know all the matches we've played were very tough," Sabatini said. "I have to start playing very concentrated from the beginning and take control."

Martinez has played all matches this week with an injured middle finger on her right hand. She chipped

a bone playing soccer between matches before her second-round appearance.

Hack and Novotna will match up in the evening semifinal. Novotna won their only two meetings, but both were back in 1986.

Hack, who never has played a night match, practiced under the lights Friday during Sabatini's contest to prepare herself.

Hack reached only one semifinal last year. She had not advanced past the second round of any tournament this year.

Novotna has appeared in one final and two semifinals this year.

Stars rise on Slims' clay courts

By SCOTT KAISER
Chronicle correspondent

If you're looking for rising women's stars on the Kraft Tour, you usually need to look no further than the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Three times in the last five years, relative newcomers from the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Bradenton, Fla., have come to the clay courts of the Westside Tennis Club and taken world-ranked players by storm.

In 1989, unranked Monica Seles marched all the way to the final, where she shocked No. 4 Chris Evert 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Seles, who was playing in just her second pro tournament, jumped to No. 23 after that victory and has moved to the top spot in the world.

Last year, Iva Majoli brought her No. 537 ranking to Houston for her first pro tourney and stunned Houston's Lori McNeil, then ranked 24th, in the second round 6-3, 6-3. Majoli lost to Zina Garrison-Jackson in the quarterfinals but jumped 352 spots to No. 185 and has risen to No. 36.

The latest Bollettieri prodigy is 18-year-old Tatiana Ignatieva, who saw her first professional tourney end Friday with a 6-0, 6-3 loss to Sabine Hack in the quarterfinals. Ignatieva advanced to the quarters with a 6-3, 6-2 win over No. 120 Laura Golarsa and a stunning 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 upset of second-seeded and seventh-ranked Jennifer Capriati.

One reason Houston is a breakthrough site for Bollettieri players is that International Management Group owns Bollettieri's tennis camp and the Virginia Slims of Houston, one of five women's tournaments in the United States owned by IMG.

"We try to save our two wild cards for them," tournament director Barbara Perry said, "but I don't really know why they do so well here."

Another boost for Bollettieri's players is Westside's clay courts. Seles, Majoli and Ignatieva grew up on the clay courts of Eastern Europe, which eases their transition from the amateur to pro ranks.

"Obviously that's a surface they do very well on and are more comfortable with," said Greg Breunich, executive director of the academy. "More importantly, we map out their schedules way in advance and adapt their training so they peak at those events."

"Houston is a big tennis market and big tennis town and our players have always fared well there. It's also one of the first spring tournaments where we can send them out with a coach."

Although Bollettieri players are groomed to succeed, upsets like Ignatieva's win over Capriati are unexpected.

"That's a surprise for everybody," Breunich said. "For Tatiana to beat a player of Jennifer's caliber is a tremendous highlight in her career. That's just another example of the significant depth in women's tennis."

"There's also not a lot of pressure when someone like Tatiana steps out there against Jennifer, so upsets tend to happen."

Ignatieva, who had 31 unforced errors in her loss to Hack, said she felt more comfortable playing Capriati.

"You can't let the ranking and the name get to you," said Ignatieva, who entered the tournament ranked 330 and leaves no worse than 119.

Virginia Slims summary



Howard Castleberry / Chronicle

Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini returns a shot during her match against Sandra Cecchini on Friday night.

Celebrity watch

Former first lady Barbara Bush is expected to be in attendance at today's afternoon match.

Bush will eat lunch with former champion Chris Evert, who will broadcast the semifinals and final matches for HSE.

New ranking

Patricia Tarabini of Argentina has been forced to qualify for every tournament this year since her ranking dropped to 143.

And though she lost 6-3, 6-2 to No. 3 seed Conchita Martinez in the quarterfinals, her three wins in Houston will be enough to lift the former No. 29 back into the ranks of the respectable at No. 73. She won 104.5 Kraft Tour computer points for her showing this week. She had 104.5 for the season when she came in.

Her new ranking will be good enough to get her into most tournament main draws without having to qualify.

"This has been one of my best tournaments for sure. I love Houston," said Tarabini, who was forced to pull out of the Family Circle Cup in Hilton Head, S.C., next week because qualifying starts today and she's playing doubles in the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Martinez hurting

Conchita Martinez likely will pull out of the Family Circle Cup in Hilton Head, S.C., next week if her hand is bothering her today, said her coach Eric van Harpen.

Martinez nearly pulled out before her first-round match Wednesday after injuring her hand playing soccer between matches. A doctor administered a shot to numb the hand just before the match, and she was able to go on. She needed another shot Friday before her 6-3, 6-2 quarterfinal win over Patricia Tarabini.

"Without the injection, I can't play."

Friday's results

SINGLES QUARTERFINALS		
Winner	Loser	Score
Sabine Hack, Germany	Tatiana Ignatieva, Russia	6-0, 6-3
Conchita Martinez (3), Spain	Patricia Tarabini, Argentina	6-3, 6-2
Jana Novotna (4), Czech	Radka Zrubakova, Slovakia	6-3, 7-5
Gabriela Sabatini (1), Argentina	Sandra Cecchini, Italy	6-2, 6-1

DOUBLES		
Winner	Loser	Score
Adams/Bollegraf	Ritter/Vis	6-1, 6-3
Manikova/Zrubakova	Kschwendt/Labat (3)	6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (9-7)

Today's schedule

STADIUM COURT		
Semifinal singles		
1 p.m. Gabriela Sabatini (1), Argentina	vs. Conchita Martinez (3), Spain	
7 p.m. Jana Novotna (4), Czech Republic	vs. Sabine Hack, Germany	
Adams-Bollegraf (1)	vs. Maleeva-Maleeva Fragniere	

It's too painful," Martinez said. "This time was much better. The first time, it was another medicine and I couldn't feel my fingers. Today, I can feel anything, only not the pain."

Overtaken calls

The Conchita Martinez-Patricia Tarabini match was marred by several overturned calls.

The players gave each other several calls after umpires contradicted each other and the ball marks on the court. Several times, the umpires refused to check the mark when requested by the player.

"We play for the (computer ranking) points; we play for the money. This is my work," said Tarabini, who lost 6-3, 6-2. "You can at least check the mark. It makes me upset. It's like, 'Wake up call, please, for this lady.'"

No match

Tatiana Ignatieva, 18, who upset Jennifer Capriati in the second round, proved no match for Sabine Hack of Germany.

Hack played a precise game in the first set, hitting 100 percent of her first serves and making no unforced errors. She got a little sloppy in the second, dropping to 70 percent on her serves with 12 unforced errors.

Hack's 6-0, 6-3 win took only 48 minutes.

Errors apparent

The quarterfinal match between No. 4 seed Jana Novotna and Radka Zrubakova wasn't one of the cleanest matches of the tournament.

Novotna, who had seven double faults Wednesday in the second round, again struggled with her serve Friday. Novotna had nine double faults and a first-serve percentage of 61 percent. She made 43 unforced errors.

Zrubakova had 35 unforced errors in losing 6-3, 7-5.

— JODY GOLDSTEIN

Youth is served again at Slims

The Virginia Slims of Houston may become known as a hotbed of fresh, young tennis talent soon.

Houston feels like it discovered Monica Seles who came to town as a virtual unknown and left as the tournament champion in 1989. She had started that year ranked No. 86.



Tennis Notebook
Jody Goldstein

Eight months later, she'd broken into the top 10 to finish the season ranked No. 6.

While Houston was her only title in 1989, she had won nine championships

by the end of 1990, including the prestigious French Open. The rest has become history as Seles is well on her way to having the best winning percentage in the history of women's tennis.

Last year, Houston discovered Iva Majoli. The then-14-year-old came into last season ranked No. 798. When she came to Houston, it was her first non-satellite event. She knocked off Lori McNeil for her first major win and went on to finish the season with a No. 50 ranking. This year, the teenager from Croatia has already climbed to No. 36 and is being touted as one of the most promising players on the Kraft Tour.

Sound familiar? Perhaps history will be repeated with this week's newcomer, Tatiana Ignatieva, the 18-year-old hard-hitting Russian who upset Jennifer Capriati in second-round action.

"You hate to lose Capriati, but it's nice to give the new, young girls the opportunity to play the good players," tournament director Barbara Perry said. "Even if she hadn't won, it would have been a good experience for her."

So what's bringing these players to Houston? You can thank the International Management Group and the Nick Bollettieri Academy for those three. Seles, Majoli and Ignatieva are all products of the Bollettieri Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

IMG, which puts on the Virginia Slims of Houston, also represents Bollettieri's — a perfect match for Houston fans.

"We try to provide opportunities for players who they (Bollettieri coaches) think are up and coming and ready to play in this type of tournament," said Perry, who gave one of the two wild cards to Ignatieva this year. Majoli was also a wild card.

"We pretty much do it (choose wild cards) by committee," Perry added. "but if somebody at the Academy says they've got somebody who's ready, it carries some weight. Their track record really speaks for itself."

Houston's status as one of only three clay court tournaments in the United States and now as the first clay court tournament (of the season) also helps bring talent to town, Perry said.

"The surface and the date have a lot to do with it," she said. "We're leading into the clay court season. This time of the year, everybody wants to play. No one's burned out yet. No one's tired. And they want the matches before it's time to go to Europe."

■ Look for more Bollettieri protégés this week at the River Oaks International. Bollettieri will be debuting Tommy Haas, one of its most promising students this week. Haas has never played a professional tournament before. Bollettieri will also bring Razvan Sabau, ranked No. 1,096 in the world.

■ The University of Texas men moved up three places into a tie for 10th in the NCAA Division I rankings. The Longhorns are 10-1 this season. TCU also rose one spot to No. 15 after a 9-2 start. Texas A&M fell to No. 25.

In women's rankings, Texas' Susan Gilchrist of Houston and Vickie Paynter of Louisiana are now the No. 1 doubles team in the country.

■ The Houstonian Club will host the Fifth Annual Signature Homes Tennis Classic, April 16-18. Divisions include men's and women's 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fees are \$18 for singles and \$12 per person for doubles plus one canned-good donation for the Houston Food Bank.

Deadline for entry is April 9 at noon. Call Judy Martindale at 685-6847 for more information.

■ The Wimbledon Racquet Club in Spring will host a ZAT Warm-up Tournament April 3-4. Events include boys and girls ages 10-18 singles and doubles. This is an unsanctioned tournament for unqualified players. Deadline for entry is March 30. Call 370-5801 for more information.

■ Rice University will have a Kids Free Day when the Owls host No. 25-ranked Texas A&M at 1:30 p.m. April 10.

All kids aged 17 and under get into the dual match free. The first 30 kids will receive T-shirts. The next 20 will get a can of tennis balls.

Jody Goldstein covers tennis for the Chronicle. Her notebook appears on Sunday.

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"Hay que entender el
silencio, el peso del silencio,
el poder del silencio".

-Marcel Marceau



Jennifer Capriati, medalla de oro en Barcelona, hace su debut en el Virginia Slims de Houston, llevándose a cabo del 22 al 28 de Marzo, en el Westside Tennis Club.

Vea "Virginia Slims" página 17.

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Cabañas: "Soy el mejor jugador paraguayo en el exterior"

ASUNCION -El futbolista Roberto Cabañas, delantero del conjunto argentino Boca Juniors, se declaró el mejor jugador paraguayo que milita en el exterior, con lo que sugirió que le tengan en cuenta para su convocatoria con el fin de participar con la selección de su país en la próxima Copa América y las eliminatorias del mundial de 1994.

"Soy el mejor futbolista paraguayo que en estos momentos juega en el extranjero y si el cuerpo técnico de la selección me convoca, eso es lo que vale para mí", dijo Cabañas al diario ABC Color que publicó una extensa nota con la "estrella" de Boca Juniors.

El citado jugador, quien estuvo en Asunción con Cerro Porteno; en Colombia con América; en Francia, Brest y actualmente viste la casaca de la institución más popular del fútbol argentino, fue convocado por el ex entrenador de la selección paraguaya, el uruguayo Sergio Markarian, pero su lla-

mado no fue oficializado por la Junta Directiva de la Liga Paraguaya de Fútbol.

En ese seno, el dirigente Alfonso Colman lo trató de "inútil", calificativo que también alcanzó al jugador paraguayo Alfredo Mendoza, quien milita en el equipo argentino Newell's Old Boys.

"Estos dos jugadores no sirven ni para la tranca de la puerta del infierno", dijo Colman, quien se opuso a que se convocara a ambos futbolistas para integrar la selección paraguaya que jugará dentro de poco la Copa América y las eliminatorias del mundial de Estados Unidos.

Cabañas y Mendoza igualmente fueron responsabilizados de la eliminación de Paraguay en los partidos clasificatorios del mundial de Italia.

Actualmente, el nuevo entrenador paraguayo, el argentino Héctor Eduardo Corte, dijo que no insistirá en la convocatoria de ambos jugadores.

El Virginia Slims en marcha

Por Armando Medina
SEMANA

Siete de las veinte mejores tenistas profesionales del mundo se encuentran participando en el Virginia Slims de Houston, torneo que se celebra en el Westside Tennis Club, localizado en el 1200 Wilcrest y que cuenta con una superficie de arcilla, la cual hace que sea una de las cuatro ciudades en tener este tipo de canchas para eventos de esta naturaleza. El certamen que comenzó el pasado lunes 22 se extenderá hasta el domingo 28 de marzo.

Gabriela Sabatini



Nació en la ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina el 16 de Mayo de 1970, ha ganado 25 títulos desde que empezó su carrera profesional el primero de enero de 1985. Entre sus victorias más sobresalientes se cuentan el abierto de Estados Unidos en 1990, ganadora dos veces consecutivas del abierto de Italia en 1991 y 1992, medalla de plata en las olimpiadas de Seúl en 1988.

Jennifer Capriati



Nació en la ciudad de Nueva York el 29 de Marzo de 1976 (el lunes cumplirá 17 años). Comenzó a jugar profesionalmente el 5 de Marzo de 1990 y ha ganado desde entonces 5 títulos. En 1990 en Wimbledon a la edad de 14 años fue la jugadora más joven en la historia de los grandes torneos en estar preclasificada (12) y la más joven también en ganar un partido de este campeonato. Fue medalla de oro en 1992 en Barcelona al imponerse en la final a la alemana Steffi Graf. Es la primera vez que viene a jugar el Virginia Slims de Houston.

Conchita Martínez



Nació en la ciudad de Monzón, España el 16 de abril de 1972 y reside en Barcelona. Ha conseguido 14 títulos profesionales desde que empezó su carrera en febrero de 1988, en 1992 se adjudicó el abierto de Australia; este mismo año se hizo acreedora a medalla de plata en las olimpiadas de Barcelona jugando dobles con Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Prefiere jugar en arcilla que en cualquier otro terreno.

La jugadora número uno del mundo la yugoeslava Mónica Seles que en un principio estaba inscrita para participar en el torneo, tuvo que desistir debido a

quebrantos de salud y en su lugar fue reemplazada por Gabriela Sabatini. "Mientras estábamos un poco disgustados por la noticia de que Mónica no participaría ahora me siento emocionada al saber que Gabriela pueda venir ya que es su primera presentación aquí desde 1987.

Higueta fuera de acción por más de seis meses

MEDELLÍN, Colombia, (UPI)

-El guardameta titular del equipo Nacional de Medellín y de la selección de su país, René Higueta, estará ausente de las canchas por más de seis meses debido a una delicada lesión de la tibia de la pierna derecha, informó el médico Winston Tobón.

Higueta se lesionó cuando salió de su portico en el partido del domingo para enfrentar el avance del delantero de Quindío, Ramón Moreno, quien ya había superado a los zagueros de Nacional, y en el choque, absolutamente fortuito, como lo reconocieron los jugadores y los asistentes al cotejo, sufrió la fractura de la tibia.

Tobón dijo que el jugador colombiano salió de la clínica Las Vegas de Medellín con un yeso en la pierna lesionada y que no hubo necesidad de una operación.

"Hasta el momento no hubo necesidad de una intervención quirúrgica, le realizamos varios exámenes de radiografía y se optó por enyesar su pierna. Ahora, se dedicará a hacer un tratamiento ortopédico y yeso". Tobón dijo a los periodistas que si la lesión de Higueta evoluciona bien estaría ausente de "seis a ocho meses de las canchas".

"Higueta, como un gran jugador profesional, ha tomado esta situación a conciencia y estamos seguros que con la ayuda del cuerpo médico y de él, se recuperará rápidamente", dijo Tobón.

La lesión de Higueta es lamentada en los círculos deportivos del país, ya que no estará disponible con la selección de su país para la Copa América, que se jugará en junio en Ecuador, así como tampoco en las eliminatorias para la Copa Mundial, previstas a realizarse desde el 8 de agosto en la ciudad colombiana de Barranquilla, al norte del país.

Higueta tampoco estará con Nacional, que actualmente participa junto a América de Cali, en las eliminatorias del Grupo 4 de la Copa Libertadores de América. Nacional jugará este viernes en Medellín frente a Internacional de Porto Alegre.

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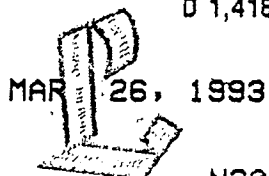
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A QUICK READ ON THE TOP SPORTS NEWS OF THE DAY

EASY NIGHT: Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini needed 65 minutes for a 6-0, 6-1 win Thursday against Debbie Graham in the Virginia Slims of Houston. (Results, 13C)

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Trainer's second string primed for Derby prep

TENNIS: No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and Latvia's Larisa Neiland beat Sandy Collins and Stephanie Rehe 6-3, 6-4 Thursday to reach the Light n' Lively semifinals at Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Also: No. 7 seed Katerina Maleeva fell to unseeded Sandra Cecchini 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 Thursday in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Houston.

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Top seeded Seles out at Houston Slims

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Top-seeded Monica Seles, ranked No. 1 in the world, withdrew from the Virginia Slims of Houston tennis tournament Monday because of illness and was replaced by fifth-ranked Gabriela Sabatini.



Monica Seles
Out with
an illness

Seles, the defending champion, withdrew from her second consecutive tournament because she has the flu.

Sabatini becomes the top seed in the tournament and will be favored to meet second-seeded Jennifer Capriati, ranked No. 6 in the world, in Sunday's final.

Rain ended yesterday's first-round schedule after five matches were completed.

Patricia Tarabini of Argentina, defeated Italy's Laura Golarsa 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; Julie Halard of France defeated Florencia Labat of Argentina 7-6, 6-2; and Australian Tracey Morton defeated Julie Shiflet 6-0, 6-2.

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Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere lost her opening match Tuesday. She was seeded fifth in the tournament.

Qualifier from Argentina nets Houston Slims tennis upset

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Qualifier Patricia Tarabini of Argentina upset fifth-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland 6-3, 6-1 Tuesday in a first-round match of the Virginia Slims of Houston.

In other first-round matches, seventh-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, Manuela's younger sister, defeated Karin Kschwendt of Germany 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Debbie Graham ousted Anne Minter of Australia 6-3, 6-1, and Sandra Cecchini of Italy defeated Linda Harvey-Wild 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Sabine Hack of Germany defeated Linda Ferrando of Italy 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Veronika Martinek of Germany beat Argentina's Bettina Fulco-Villella 6-0, 2-6, 6-3; Rene Simpson-Alter of Canada defeated Caroline Kuhlman 6-4, 6-4; Tatiana Ignatieva of Russia defeated Italy's Laura Golarsa of Italy 6-3, 6-2, and Virginia Ruano-Pascual of Spain beat Travel Morton of Australia 7-5, 6-1.

Top-seeded Monica Seles, ranked No. 1 in the world, withdrew from the tournament Monday because of illness and was replaced by fifth-ranked Gabriela Sabatini.

Sabatini becomes the top seed in the tournament and is favored to meet second-seeded Jennifer Capriati, ranked No. 6 in the world, in Sunday's final.

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Tarabini upsets Maleeva-Fragniere
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Palm Beach Post [West Palm Beach, FL]
Observer Times [Fayetteville, NC]
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Times [Sayre-Athens, PA]
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World [Coos Bay, OR]
Herald [Plainview,TX]
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Reporter [Fond Du Lac, WI]
Wyoming Eagle [Cheyenne, WY]
News [Amarillo, TX]
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Free Lance-Star [Fredericksburg, VA]
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Local News [West Chester, PA]
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News [Florence, SC]
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Citizen Register [Ossining, NY]
News [Tarrytown, NY]
Reporter Dispatch [White Plains, NY]
Standard-Star [New Rochelle, NY]
Centre Times [State College, PA]
News [Whittier, CA]
Times [St. Petersburg, FL]
Times Union [Albany, NY]
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Herald-Tribune [Sarasota, FL]
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Tribune [Scranton, PA]
Gazette Telegraph [Colorado Springs, CO]
Quad-City Times [Davenport, IA]
Review-Journal [Las Vegas, NV]
Valley Times [Pleasanton, CA]
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Register [New Haven, CT]
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Constitution [Atlanta, GA]
Times [San Mateo, CA]
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Argus [Mt. Vernon, NY]
Record [Doylestown, PA]

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Star [Anniston, AL]
Rockland Journal-News [Nyack, NY]
Item [Port Chester, NY]
Star [Peekskill, NY]
Times-Reporter [New Philadelphia, OH]
Times [Mamaroneck, NY]
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Obscure Russian sends Capriati packing in Slims

Times wire services



**Jennifer
Capriati**

She blew two
match points
while losing
to the 330th-
ranked player
in the world

HOUSTON — Tatiana Ignatieva, an 18-year-old Russian ranked 330th in the world, upset second-seeded Jennifer Capriati 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 Wednesday in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Ignatieva forced Capriati to stay on the baseline and kept her off balance with drop shots.

"I was more consistent than she was and she made many more mistakes than I did," said Ignatieva, playing in only her second tour event. "I kept her moving and I also was a little lucky."

Capriati, who blew two match points in the second set, appeared to be bothered by an injured right wrist that was taped before the match. However, she refused to use the injury as an excuse.

"She just came up with the good shots and I think my concentration wavered a little bit," Capriati said. "She mixed it up real good. She hit the angles and kept me moving."

In other matches, Sabine Hack of Germany upset No. 8 seed Julie Halard of France 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4 Jana Novotna beat Veronika Martinek 6-3, 6-2; and No. 3 Conchita Martinez topped Christine Papadaki 6-1, 6-0.

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Ignatieva Beats Capriati

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Herald-Tribune [Sarasota, FL]
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Sentinel-Star [Grenada, MS]
Times [Trenton, NJ]
Record Herald [Waynesboro, PA]
Wisconsin State Journal [Madison, WI]
Independent Record [Helena, MT]
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Victor Valley Daily Press [Victorville, CA]
Star [Anniston, AL]
Orange County Register [Santa Ana, CA]
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Times-Picayune [New Orleans, LA]
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Palm Beach Post [West Palm Beach, FL]
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Post-Athenian [Athens, TN]
News-Item [Shamokin, PA]
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Times [Mamaroneck, NY]
Star [Peekskill, NY]
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Putnam Reporter Dispatch [White Plains, NY]
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Advance [Staten Island, NY]
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Record [Troy, NY]
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Evening Sun [Baltimore, MD]
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Press [Evansville, IN]
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Sabatini wins easily but another top seed falls out

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini needed only 65 minutes for a 6-0, 6-1 victory Thursday night over Debbie Graham in the second round of the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston.

Sabatini, playing in her first match since losing to Steffi Graf last week in the Lipton Final, breezed through the first set in 29 minutes.

"She's not playing as well as she can, I've seen her play better," Graham said. "I think her winning the first game relaxed her a little bit."

Sabatini was pleased with her performance despite plenty of help from Graham, who committed 11 double faults.

"I thought it was a very good match for me," Sabatini said. "Matches are what I need right now and this was a good start."

Sabatini will face Sandra Cecchini of Italy in the quarterfinals Friday.

Cecchini had upset seventh-seed-

ed Katerina Maleeva 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 earlier Thursday.

"It was tight in the first set, but in the second set I was more relaxed and she wasn't hitting the ball as well," Cecchini said.

Maleeva, the 1990 champion, led 5-4 in the first set and reached set point in the next game when Cecchini double-faulted twice. But Cecchini rallied for deuce, then evened the set with a pair of forehand winners.

In other second-round action Thursday, Radka Zrubakova of Slovakia advanced with a 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 victory over Canada's Rene Simpson-Alter.

On Wednesday, Tatiana Ignatieva, an 18-year-old Russian, played in her first major professional event and rallied from a first set loss to post a 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-2 upset win over second-seeded Jeniffer Capriati in the second round of the Virginia Slims Open.

Sabatini was a last minute fill-in for Monica Seles, who would have been the top seed. Seles did not participate because of the flu.

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Sabatini beats Graham in 65 minutes March 26, 1993

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Skagit Valley Herald [Mount Vernon, WA]	Truth [Elkhart, IN]
Times-Recorder [Americus, GA]	Washington, DC [USA Today]
Orange County Register [Santa Ana, CA]	Democrat [Woodland, CA]
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Mississippi Press [Pascagoula, MS]	Express-News Evening Ed. [San Antonio, TX]
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Citizen Patriot [Jackson, MI]	News [West Bend, WI]
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Lewis Billups: A federal magistrate in Lexington, Ky., refused bail Thursday for the former defensive back, who is charged with making threats against Rex Chapman of the Washington Bullets. After a day of testimony about Billups' violent behavior, U.S. Magistrate James Cook said the former Cincinnati Bengals player "is a danger to the community and others if released."

Katerina Maleeva: Sandra Cecchini upset the seventh seed, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0, in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Houston. Cecchini is set to meet Gabriela Sabatini, who beat Debbie Graham, 6-0, 6-1, in today's quarterfinals.

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Ceccini Upsets Maleeva
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West County Times [Pinole, CA]

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News & Observer [Raleigh, NC]

Olympian [Olympia, WA]

Statesman-Journal [Salem, OR]

Times [Hammond, IN]

Palm Beach Post [West Palm Beach, FL]

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Post-Herald [Birmingham, AL]

News-Free Press [Chattanooga, TN]

Press-Journal [Vero Beach, FL]

News [Naples, FL]

Times [Chattanooga, TN]

Messenger & Inquirer [Owensboro, KY]

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LUCE PRESS CLIPPINGS



The Associated Press

QUARTERFINAL WINNER: Gabriela Sabatini defeated Sandra Cecchini in straight sets Friday at the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Top seeds win doubles match

The Associated Press

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — Top-seeded Gigi Fernandez and Natalia Zvereva, who were two points away from defeat, beat Tracy Austin and Elna Reinach 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 Friday at the Light n' Lively doubles tournament.

Austin, who is making a tour comeback at age 30, had just two days of practice for her initial

match with Reinach.

"I am so disappointed right now," Austin said. "To get this close to beating the world's top-ranked team is really tough. We had it on our racquet. But they made the shots at the crucial times."

Fernandez and Zvereva will meet third-seeded Lori McNeil and Rennae Stubbs of Australia in today's semifinals.

Sabatini cruises at Houston

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini breezed past Italy's Sandra Cecchini 6-2, 6-1 Friday night in the quarterfinals of the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston.

Sabatini's victory sets up a semifinal match with No. 3 seed Conchita Martinez, who beat Patricia Tarbini of Argentina 6-3, 6-2 Friday.

Martinez hasn't faced Sabatini since losing a memorable three-set match in the 1992 French Open. Sabatini has won eight of the last 10 matches between the two, including the last six.

"Every time we play it's a close match," Sabatini said.

Cecchini broke Sabatini's serve only once and committed 35 unforced errors to Sabatini's 16. Sabatini won 60 of 95 points and needed only 72 minutes to win the match.

"I'm playing very good right now," Sabatini said. "I'm going to the net more and making better decisions than I was before."

Also Friday, fourth-seeded Jana Novotna stopped Radka Zrubakova 6-3, 7-5. Novotna will meet unseeded Sabine Hack in the semifinals today.

Hack advanced with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Tatiana Ignatieva of Russia in a match that lasted only 48 minutes. Hack's first serves were perfect the 19-minute opening set. She won 24 of the 30 first-set points.

Ignatieva had moved from No. 330 to No. 119 in the computer rankings as a result of her second-round victory over No. 2 seed Jennifer Capriati Wednesday night.

Sabatini Breezes Past Cecchini March 27, 1993

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● **HOUSTON** — Third-seeded Conchita Martinez and No. 4 seed Janna Novotna recorded straight-set victories Friday to advance to the semifinal round of the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston. Martinez beat Patricia Tarabini 6-3, 6-2. Novotna, who will meet unseeded Sabine Hack in the semifinals today, stopped Radka Zrubakova 6-3, 7-5.

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Martinez upsets Sabatini

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Third-seeded Conchita Martinez defeated top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini 6-3, 6-3 in a semifinal at the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston tournament Saturday at the Westside Tennis Club.

Martinez trailed 3-2 in the first set, but broke Sabatini's serve in the sixth game to start a 4-0 run that gave her the set. She jumped ahead 5-1 in the second and held on for the win.

Martinez recorded 27 winners to Sabatini's eight and converted on 15 of 18 net approaches compared to just 13 of 25 for Sabatini.

"Conchita played as well as I've ever seen her play," said Sabatini, who had won six in a row against Martinez. "I didn't play all that bad, she was just too good today."

Martinez played despite an injured right hand that nearly forced her to pull out of the tournament earlier in the week.

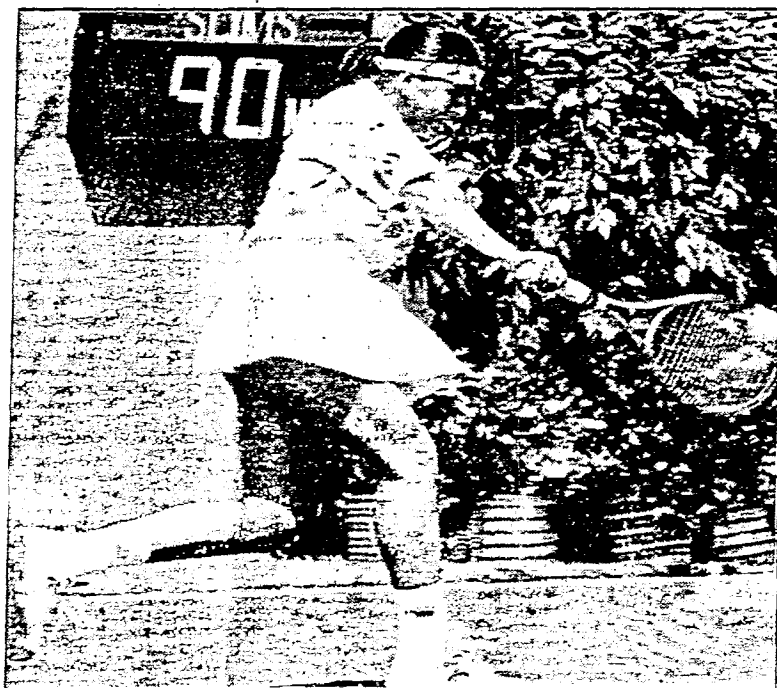
"The hand wasn't giving me any problems today," Martinez said. "In fact, I think this was one of the best matches on clay I've had in a long time."

Martinez will face the winner of Saturday night's semifinal between No. 4 Jana Novatna and unseeded Sabine Hack of Germany in Sunday's final.

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The top-seeded duo of Gigi Fernandez and Natalia Zvereva advanced to the finals of the \$175,000 Light n' Lively Doubles by defeating third-seeded Lori McNeil and Rennae Stubbs 6-3, 7-5 at Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Fernandez and Zvereva, who have won four consecutive Grand Slam events, will face second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Larisa Neiland in Sunday's championship match.



AP/photo

Conchita Martinez makes a backhand return to Gabriela Sabatini.

Sanchez-Vicario and Neiland downed fourth-seeded Pam Shriver and Liz Smylie 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

McNeil and Stubbs were leading 4-3 in the second set and had triple break point on Zvereva's serve. But Zvereva began a comeback with a lunging scoop volley winner and eventually held serve.

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The United States sent a junior varsity Davis Cup team Down Under and it paid the penalty. Now, captain Tom Gorman is left wondering whether he, too, may pay a penalty.

Australia took an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the first-round match Saturday at Kooyong when Mark Woodforde and Todd

Woodbridge beat Jim Grabb and Richey Reneberg in doubles, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 3-6, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4, at Melbourne, Australia.

Woodforde compounded the anguish in Sunday's first reverse singles match when he beat Brad Gilbert 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 to put the Australians in front 4-0.

"You have to congratulate the Americans," French Davis Cup player Guy Forget said in Vienna. "They did everything to lose and they succeeded. It's perhaps some politics to push out Gorman."

The top-seeded Americans went into the contest without big guns Jim Courier, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and John McEnroe, who would like to replace Gorman as U.S. Davis Cup coach.

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Clothes circuit

WHEN THE weather speaks, people listen. Or so it seemed last Sunday at the Virginia Slims finals, where city shorts and hats reigned as fashion dictums on that hot, steamy day.

— Both Chris Everett and Marion Wiggins donned white city shorts. Everett topped hers with a

matching double-breasted jacket, and Wiggins chose Donna Karan's single-breasted style. You could have looked far and yon for a gent in a suit — and only Gerardo Gomez would have caught your gaze. And it was orange, orange, orange for Glenda Stieber.

— MIGNETTE YVONNE PATRICK



Marion Wiggins all in white — Texas-style, of course.



Blaring in orange, Glenda Stieber was a show stopper.



TV commentator Chris Everett also dressed for the part.



Gerardo Gomez is debonaire in double-breasted chic.

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STYLE



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Backhanded talk serves juicy tidbits

"I have some friends who definitely aren't my friends."

— Monica Seles

NO, THIS ISN'T another entry from *The 776 Stupidest Things Ever Said* book, although it's a great candidate for the sequel.

Seles' ironic opinion of tennis stars like Steffi Graf and Jennifer Capriati comes from *Ladies Of The Court*, Michael Mewshaw's new expose on the women's tour.

Trouble is, Mewshaw doesn't expose very much. He gossips plenty about eating disorders (30 percent of the players, he says), player-coach sexual relations (12 players), lesbianism (lots and lots), fathers beating their daughters, steroid abuse and world-caliber greediness.

When it comes to naming names, though, Mewshaw comes up short. His reluctance to get specific leaves the book a big tease.

Mewshaw spent one year, chasing tennis players around the world, from New York to Australia. Unfortunately he didn't catch many.

"I knew it was harder to gain access to a top player than to line up an audience with the president or the pope," he writes.

That's where I have to question Mewshaw and wonder if the problem lies with gun-shy players or with Mewshaw.

Each year, I cover the Virginia Slims of Houston tournament. It is not hard to gain access to a top player.

Not even the top player.

At the 1991 Houston event, the year Mewshaw chronicles in *Ladies of the Court*, I sat down for a one-on-one interview with Monica Seles, No. 1 in the world.

Mewshaw complains that the players are coached to be cautious and say nothing. To be honest, I had trouble shutting Seles up.

It wasn't only Seles, every player at the Houston tournament was available.

Once you get beyond Mewshaw's droning about weird behavior on the tour — but no names — *Ladies of the Court* becomes a dishy, fun look at women's tennis.

For example, players are obligated to attend mass press conferences after every match. Most players arrive sweaty, straight from the court. Gabriela Sabatini makes reporters wait for an hour while she showers, shampoos and puts on makeup.

In her native Hungarian, the word Seles means "windy." See, I told you.

Most of the players have little education. Sabatini dropped out of junior high school at age 13 and never had a tutor on tour. Mary Pierce quit at 16. Pierce's father said, "High school is some guy scratching his butt and wanting to sell my daughter crack cocaine."

Tennis officials want reporters to interview Mary Joe Fernandez. They point out that Mary Joe finished school. Mary Joe likes to point that out, too.

"My foundation has been very good, that's why I stayed in school," she said. As for the dropouts, "I don't want to judge people, but it's sad."

Fernandez wasn't exactly valedictorian at Harvard. When they say she "finished school," they're talking about high school.

Monica Seles has a fat tush. She is addicted to butter. She puts butter on french fries, meat, even pizza. She once asked her clothing company, Fila, if she could design her own outfits. Fila declined.

"It's not nice to say, but Monica has a big (rear end)," a Fila spokesman said. "She doesn't realize how big it is and how that limits what she can wear."

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Houston Slims raise funds for the Ashe Foundation

Through several fund-raising initiatives, the Virginia Slims of Houston raised \$12,223 efforts on behalf of the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the defeat of AIDS.

The silent auction held on-site at the tournament throughout the

week of March 22-28 raised \$5,965. Sales of merchandise from the Arthur Ashe Foundation booth on site at the tournament netted \$3,790.

Corporate sponsor Lexus hosted a fastest serve contest, with a donation of \$1,000 plus the

speed of the fastest serve by one of the tournament players during the week. They rounded the contribution up to \$1,200.

Tiebreak tournaments raised \$617, and a fund raising drive by tournament volunteers netted \$651.

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AHEAD OF HIS TIME

IMG boss McCormack began sport's business generation

By JODY GOLDSTEIN
Houston Chronicle

In a time when most business deals are hashed out after months or sometimes years of negotiations and mounds of paper, it seems an eternity ago that empires could be born out of a handshake.

But that's exactly what happened to Mark McCormack, founder, chief executive officer and chairman of Cleveland-based sports and entertainment conglomerate International Management Group. Currently overseeing 50 offices in 21 countries, McCormack was named by Sports Illustrated as the most powerful man in sports today. He was listed by the London Sunday Times as one of the 10 people who most influenced the 20th century. Tennis Magazine and Golf Magazine have both selected him as the most influential person in their respective sports.

McCormack was here Tuesday, speaking to a group of civic leaders at the Omni Houston Hotel. The author of four internationally acclaimed books shared his viewpoints on a variety of sports issues — including the ever-exploding sports dollar, and the likely withdrawal of Kraft as a sponsor of the women's tennis tour and its effect on the Virginia Slims of Houston.

McCormack is a walking example of sport's business evolution. It was only as far back as 1960 when he approached a young golfer named Arnold Palmer about legal representation. McCormack, who graduated from the College of William & Mary and got a law degree from Yale University, was certain he could put his skills to use to further the golfer's career. The two shook hands and McCormack went to work.

Soon after, McCormack signed an unknown South African named Gary Player and a newly turned professional named Jack Nicklaus. At the time, legal representation was unheard of in the sporting world.

"I thought people needed help," said McCormack, who played No. 1 on his William & Mary team. "It seems pretty obvious as you sit here now, but sports weren't very big then and nobody was specializing in it full time.

McCormack says...

● On Kraft's likely withdrawing sponsorship of the women's tour after 1994 and its effect on the Virginia Slims of Houston:

"What we have to do is seek an ultimate sponsor if they pull out, but the tournament is such a major event and this is such an enthusiastic tennis town that I don't think we'll have any problems here."

● On IMG's purchase of the Virginia Slims of Houston in 1987:

"We try to pick communities we think the future is brightest in. It's the size and the dynamics here in the city. There's a lot of historical tennis here, like River Oaks. The world mixed-doubles championships were here. Tennis is a game of tradition. There's a lot of tradition here. That certainly factors into it. It's also a very sports-minded community."

● On soaring salaries of athletes resulting from the influx of television revenues and player unions:

"People want to see the sports healthy. Things like baseball salaries — they're getting ridiculous. They're going to have to come back down to normal levels."

● On Houston as a possible site for a franchise in World Team Tennis, which is co-owned by IMG and Billie Jean King:

"It's certainly a consideration, but it wouldn't be until the summer of 1994 because the season is put together for this year."



"I was a golfer, but I wasn't good enough to really do well in the tournaments. I just wanted a way to stay in it and use my legal training."

Not even McCormack could project just how important that legal training would become in the field of sports. When he started, there was no such thing as collective bargaining agreements or players' unions. Free agency, incentive clauses and revenue sharing were still far in the future. While the NCAA sets rules and regulations for the recruitment of college athletes today, 30 years ago it was a free for all.

"There used to be no regulations at all," McCormack said. "It used to be you could go onto college campuses and pay people off. They still do a lot of that, but there it was blatant, open. Now, it's at least a little bit more settled."

But it's probably been television — specially cable — that has been the single largest factor in the widespread growth of the industry. In 1960, you couldn't flip channels and find four different baseball games on at any one time. There was no such thing as television owning the rights to NFL games. Even rugby, Australian rules football and bowling are regular television venues in the 90s.

"It takes sports into the living room," McCormack said. "It's also

the fact that companies are starting to use sports to really market products. In the past, it was print advertising primarily, secondarily T.V. advertising. T.V. was still fairly new 30 years ago."

Paralleling the expansion of sports has been the expansion of IMG, which now employs over 1,300 experts in the fields of marketing, finance, law, broadcasting, tax, publishing, public relations and sports and arts management.

The idea is simple. IMG gets a client — either an athlete, a corporation or event — and handles its affairs from start to finish. With an athlete, such as Joe Montana, IMG assigns an agent who handles everything from contract negotiations and endorsements to travel arrangements and even tax and investment planning. For events, such as Wimbledon, IMG puts up the prize money, finds sponsors and handles all arrangements such as ticket sales and publicity and paying for the golf course or tennis facility.

In the 90s, it's almost impossible to be a professional athlete without first signing with an agent.

"If he's smart, he wouldn't (sign a pro contract without an agent's help)," McCormack said. "That's like treating an illness without a doctor, or going into real estate without a lawyer."

IMG is especially dominant in the field of tennis, where it repre-

sents most of the top men and women. It also controls most of the players in football, hockey and figure skating, though it has clients in all sports. Some of IMG's bigger clients include Andre Agassi, Chris Evert, Jennifer Capriati, Monica Seles, Martina Navratilova, Jim Courier, Ivan Lendl, Herschel Walker, Wayne Gretzky, Curtis Strange, Nick Faldo and Tim Raines.

It represents Wimbledon, the British Open, Rolex, the Mayo Clinic and the Nobel Foundation. It owns and operates five tennis tournaments in the United States, including the Virginia Slims of Houston (since 1987), and has been primarily responsible for getting top names such as Navratilova, Evert, Seles and Capriati to town.

"By miles and miles and miles. We're light years ahead of everybody else," said McCormack about IMG's domination of tennis, golf and hockey. "Everything you want to look at — size, number of clients, quality of clients. (It's) talent. We're very good and we're the only multinational company in the business."

"How can you represent a tennis player that's playing all over the world without having an office in Australia or Germany or Canada or Tokyo? We do and nobody else does. So, if you're a client and you want to be well represented globally, you have no other choice really."

It took about three years for McCormack to expand enough to open an office and increase his staff. Since then, he's gone outside the sports realm to include such projects as corporate sponsorships, television personalities and models. His newest division, almost nine years old now, is classical music. IMG is currently the second largest representer of classical musicians and concerts in the world and the largest international promoter.

And though his foresight has been attributed to marketing genius, McCormack admits business has taken off to levels that he never expected.

"I've been very lucky," he said. "My timing was perfect. I knew it (sports) was going to grow, but I don't think I had any grasp as to the magnitude."

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Courier ousted in Japan, might lose top ranking

TENNIS: No. 3 seed Jennifer Capriati avenged an upset loss by soundly beating Russian Tatiana Ignatieva 6-1, 6-0 Wednesday in the \$375,000 Bausch and Lomb championships at Amelia Island, Fla. Ignatieva, 18, stunned Capriati last month at the Virginia Slims of Houston.

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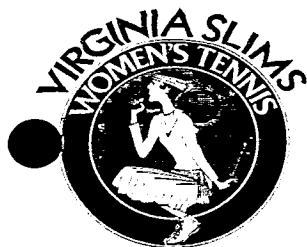
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Lori McNeil scored the biggest win of her career with an upset win over of Steffi Graf in the first round of the Virginia Slims Championships at Madison Square Garden. This defeat marked the first time since October 1985 that Steffi was beaten prior to the quarterfinal round of any event. The last time she was defeated by a player ranked lower than McNeil's current Virginia Slims Ranking of 18 was February 1985, when she lost to Anne Minter in the round of 16 at Marco Island, Florida.

McNeil came back from a 5-1 deficit in the first set to win the match 7-6, 6-4. The two players have met twice previously in 1992, with Graf winning decisively in both matches: 6-0, 6-3 at the Federation Cup, on clay; and 6-0, 6-2 at Brighton on carpet.

In another upset, No. 9 ranked Jana Novotna defeated Mary Joe Fernandez, who is currently ranked No. 6.

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Houstonian Zina Garrison celebrated her 29th birthday on November 16. A newly-converted fan of designs by Donna Karan, she received two of the designer's outfits as birthday presents -- one from her husband, and the other from her sister-in-law.

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Two of the top players in women's tennis today have been voicing their opinions on issues not court-related. Monica Seles, in an interview with *The New York Times* style section was quizzed about how she felt about being named one of the worst dressed in *People Magazine*. Her response, "The whole thing is, when you read the papers, you have to have fun about it. There are so many more serious things to worry about."

Martina Navratilova has told reporters she was not pleased by Amendment 2, passed on Election Day in Colorado, banning special legislation to protect the rights of gays in the state. She said, "I'm going to fight hard to beat this amendment, but if it doesn't get overturned and if President-elect Clinton doesn't do something about it, I will move out of the state because I will not give my money to a state that basically tells me that I am a non-person. So I will try to fight first. I'm not leaving, but I will if I have to."

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Here are some picks from other female athletes on who they think will win the Virginia Slims Championships:

Jackie Joyner-Kersey: "I would have to say **Monica Seles**. It's not just because she is number one now, it's also because she knows how to put it together at the crucial time when it counts."

Willie White: "If I had to pick who would win today, I would go with **Monica Seles**, but these girls play a lot on emotion, so I would have to know what is goin on in their lives right before the Championships in order to predict who would win."

Betty Okino: **Monica Seles**

Janet Evans: **Monica Seles**

Gale Devers: **Jennifer Capriati**. "Jenny's my girl. We flew over to Barcelona together and spent some time with each other during the Olympics. She's great and the one I'll be watching to win the Championships."

Kristi Yamaguchi: **Mary Joe Fernandez**. "I met Mary Joe while I was in Barcelona this summer and then saw her play at the U.S. Open. She is one of the nicest people I've ever met and a great tennis player."

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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (January 6, 1993) . . . Tickets are now on sale through the tournament office for the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston, to be held at the Westside Tennis Club March 22-28, 1993, according to tournament director Barbara Perry. Beginning January 20, individual daily tickets will also be available at all Ticketmaster locations. Box seats and series tickets will only be available through the tournament office. The \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston, presented by K-Lite, 93.7 FM, is the 20th stop on the Kraft Tour and the longest running women's tennis tournament in the country.

"As the only sanctioned tournament in the state of Texas, and with some of the top players in women's tennis today, the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston promises to be an excellent opportunity to see some exciting, highly competitive tennis," Perry said. "Tickets are available in a range of prices to suit every budget, and the series and box seats are a very good value."

Individual daily tickets range in price from \$10 - \$27, series tickets for the same reserved seats for all 13 sessions of tennis are \$125 per person, weekend

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series tickets are \$85 per person, and box seats are \$750 for four seats for the week-long tournament. To order tickets, call 713/953-1111. Starting January 20, tickets will be available at Ticketmaster locations in Foley's, Fiesta, Sears and Sound Warehouse.

The Virginia Slims of Houston is one of six Virginia Slims sponsored events in the U.S. on the 1993 Kraft Tour, that culminates with the \$3.5 million Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. The top 16 singles players and the top eight doubles teams, determined by Kraft Tour points accumulated during the year, will vie for the \$1 million in tournament prize money. The top 20 singles players and eight doubles teams will also be eligible to receive money from the \$2.5 million Virginia Slims Bonus Pool.

The Virginia Slims of Houston is a promotion of International Management Group (IMG), the world's largest sports marketing company. K-Lite, 93.7 FM is the presenting sponsor of the tournament. A portion of tournament proceeds will benefit the Houston Tennis Association.

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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON AT WESTSIDE TENNIS CLUB
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HOUSTON, TEXAS (DECEMBER 10, 1992). . . The 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston is set for March 22-28, at the Westside Tennis Club, 1200 Wilcrest. The \$375,000 event is the 20th stop on the Kraft Tour. The field of players will include three-time defending champion and No. 1 ranked Monica Seles, sisters Katerina Maleeva and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, and Houstonian Lori McNeil. Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati will be making her debut appearance at the tournament.

The Virginia Slims of Houston is one of six Virginia Slims sponsored events in the U.S. on the 1993 Kraft Tour, that culminates in November with the season-ending \$3.5 million Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. The tournament is a promotion of International Management Group (IMG), the world's largest sports marketing company. This is the third consecutive year that K-Lite, 93.7 FM is the presenting sponsor of the tournament. A portion of tournament proceeds will benefit the Houston Tennis Association.

Tickets for the tournament are now on sale, ranging in price from \$10-\$27. For information on weekend packages or to charge by phone, call 713/953-1111. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets including Foley's, Fiesta, Sound Warehouse and Sears.

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*Friday, January 22
Victory's Grill
2630 Augusta (near Westheimer)*

11:00 a.m. -- Media Round-Robin and Fast Serve Contest

*11:45 a.m. -- Announcement of Top Eight Entries in the
1993 Virginia Slims of Houston by
Tournament Director Barbara Perry*

12:00 noon -- Lunch Buffet

*R.s.v.p. -- Julie Wiegel
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FIELD OF PLAYERS TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

WHAT: Announcement of the field of players for the \$375,000 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston, including defending champion and No. 1-ranked Monica Seles and Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati, appearing in her first Virginia Slims of Houston tournament.

To celebrate the event, Houston media personalities will compete in a round robin of tennis in old-fashioned tennis costumes, circa 1890s, from the national Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island.

WHEN: Friday, January 22, 1993
11 a.m.

WHERE: Victory's Grill
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The 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston is seeking ballpersons for the tournament to be held March 22-28 at Westside Tennis Club. The ballperson program is under the direction of the Houston Professional Tennis Association (HPTA). To get involved, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Peter Farrell, Tennis Director, Willowfork Country Club, 21055 Westheimer Parkway, Katy, TX 77450, and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Ballperson training will be held at the following clubs:

Olde Oaks	Saturday, February 6 & 20	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Westside Tennis Club	Saturday, February 6 & 20	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Willowfork Country Club	Saturday, February 13 & 27	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
First Colony	Saturday, February 13 & 27	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Some Super Bowl predictions from the world of women's tennis:

- Houstonian Lori McNeil: Buffalo Bills
- Katrina Adams: picked the Dallas Cowboys at the beginning of the season.
- Stephanie Rehe: Dallas Cowboys
- Debbie Graham: Buffalo Bills
- Rennae Stubbs: heart is with Buffalo, but head says Dallas

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Courtside Notes
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Dealing with the heat has been the first order of business for players at the Australian Open, where temperatures on centre court reached 140°. Kathleen Stroia, head trainer for the Women's Tennis Association, has posted these recommendations in the training room:

Preventative is the key:

1. Drink, drink, drink. Before a match always drink water and juices, not soft drinks.
2. Drink and sip fluids - about one litre of water 1 to 2 hours before a match, and then intermittently throughout the match.
3. Replace electrolytes, they're energy boosters. They are found naturally in bananas, melons, tomatoes, pineapple or in drink preparations such as Gatorade.
4. Eat high energy foods -- pasta, rice, fruits, cereals and breads, pancakes.
5. Wear white or light colors that are loose fitting.
6. Wear a hat.
7. Take time between points.
8. Avoid sun before playing.
9. Don't panic, control your breathing.
10. Place wet, cold towels around neck.
11. After the match, stretch and continue drinking. Lying down or sitting can lead to stiffness or cramps.
12. Change sweat-soaked clothes.

For skin protection, the best bet is a high number UVA protection, i.e. 40+. Make sure it's waterproof and to apply throughout the match. Total coverup for vulnerable areas, such as nose and lips is recommended, i.e. zinc oxide in neon colors.

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CAPRIATI JOINS FIELD FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TX (January 22, 1993) . . . Olympic Gold medalist Jennifer Capriati will join No. 1 ranked Monica Seles at the top of the field of players for the 1993 \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston, announced tournament director Barbara Perry. Also in the field of players are Conchita Martinez, Jana Novotna, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and her sister, Katerina Maleeva, Mary Pierce and Houstonian Lori McNeil. Slated for March 22-28 at the Westside Tennis Club, the Virginia Slims of Houston, presented by K-Lite, 93.7 FM, is the 15th stop on the 1993 Kraft Tour.

It was also announced by Perry that retired champion Chris Evert will be doing television commentary for the singles final of the Virginia Slims of Houston, to be broadcast on the Home Sports Entertainment channel, (HSE). A legend in women's tennis, Evert was never ranked lower than No. 4 for eighteen years, from 1972-1989, and won at least one Grand Slam title per year for thirteen years, from 1974-1986. Evert played in the Virginia Slims of Houston seven years, from 1974 to 1989, and won the tournament five of those years, in 1974, 1975, 1986, 1987 and

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1988. Her last official series tournament appearance was at the 1989 U.S. Open, when she announced her retirement. With her husband Andy Mill, she hosts the annual Chris Evert Pro/Celebrity tennis event to support hurricane relief and fight drug abuse in South Florida.

In 1992, Capriati, ranked No. 7 in the Virginia Slims Rankings, reached the quarterfinals of three Grand Slam events; the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon, as well as the Virginia Slims Championships. She won the Gold Medal at the 1992 Summer Olympics by defeating Steffi Graf, and has defeated all of the players ranked higher than herself. Her 100th match victory came at the 1992 French Open, when she defeated Karina Habsudova in the third round. This is Capriati's first appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston.

Monica Seles, the undisputed world champion of women's tennis in 1991 and 1992, will mark her fourth appearance in the Houston tournament. She won her third consecutive Virginia Slims Championship in 1992 by defeating Martina Navratilova 7-5, 6-3, 6-1. In 1992, she also won the Australian Open, the French Open, and the U.S. Open, and was a finalist at Wimbledon. Seles successfully defended her title at the 1992 Virginia Slims of Houston by defeating Houstonian Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-1, 6-1.

Making her first appearance at the tournament will be No. 8 ranked Conchita Martinez. Martinez got off to a fast start in early 1992, reaching five finals: the Austrian Open (which she won), Indian Wells, Boca Raton, Hilton Head and San Diego. At the Austrian Open, she defended her title in a match against Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere. At the 1992 Olympics, she won the Silver Medal in doubles with partner Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

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No. 9 ranked Jana Novotna is also making her first appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston. In 1992, Novotna upset Steffi Graf in the semifinals of the Virginia Slims of Chicago, her third defeat over Graf in five meetings, including an opening-round upset over Graf at the 1991 Virginia Slims Championships. She also has career wins over Monica Seles, Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Katerina Maleeva and Pam Shriver.

Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere is the oldest of three sisters who all compete successfully on the women's professional tennis circuit. All three are in the top 20; Manuela is ranked the highest at No. 10; Katerina, who is also playing in the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston, is ranked No. 16; and Magdalena, the youngest, is close behind at No. 17. All three sisters are seeded at the 1993 Australian Open; Manuela is seeded 9th, Katerina 14th, and Magdalena 15th. In 1992, Manuela became one of only 19 players to capture 400 match wins, with a defeat of Wiltrud Probst in the quarterfinals at Barcelona.

Katerina Maleeva reached the semifinals of six tournaments in 1992: at Indian Wells; the Virginia Slims of Houston; Tokyo Nichirei; Leipzig; Oakland; and Indianapolis. She won the 1990 Virginia Slims of Houston, upsetting Martina Navratilova 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 in the semifinals. This year will mark her fifth appearance at the Houston tournament.

No. 12 ranked Mary Pierce, making her second appearance in Houston, was nominated for the WTA Most Improved Player Award in 1992. She successfully defended her title at Palermo, Italy by defeating Brenda Schultz 6-1, 6-7(3-7), 6-1. When she won the tournament in 1991 by ousting No. 2 seed Federica Bonsignori in the first round and No. 1 seed Sandra Cecchini in the final, her Virginia Slims ranking jumped from No. 91 to No. 40.

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Houston resident and No. 15 ranked Lori McNeil will make her seventh appearance in the tournament. At the 1992 Virginia Slims Championships, she upset Steffi Graf in the first round and became the lowest-ranked player (at No. 18) to defeat Graf since Anne Minter in February 1985 (Minter was ranked No. 46 and Graf was 15 years old). McNeil reached the semifinals of the 1992 Virginia Slims Championships, and surpassed the 300-mark in match wins at the 1992 Virginia Slims of Oklahoma, where she was a finalist.

The Virginia Slims of Houston is one of six Virginia Slims sponsored events in the U.S. on the 1993 Kraft Tour that culminates in November with the season-ending \$3.5 million Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. The top 16 singles players and the top eight doubles teams, determined by points accumulated during the year, will vie for the \$1 million in tournament prize money. The top 20 singles players and eight doubles teams will also be eligible to receive money from the \$2.5 million Virginia Slims Bonus Pool.

The Virginia Slims of Houston is a promotion of International Management Group (IMG), the world's largest sports marketing company. K-Lite, 93.7 FM, is the presenting sponsor of the tournament. A portion of the tournament proceeds will benefit the Houston Tennis Association.

Tickets for the tournament are now on sale, ranging in price from \$10 - \$27. To charge tickets by phone, or for information about box seats and weekend and series packages, call the tournament office at 713/953-1111. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets, including Foley's, Fiesta and Sound Warehouse.

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\$375,000 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON 1993 Fact Sheet

TOURNAMENT DATES: March 22 - 28

QUALIFYING: March 20 - 21

SITE: Westside Tennis Club
1200 Wilcrest
Houston, Texas 77042

PURSE: \$375,000

TOUR: 15th stop on the Kraft Tour

DRAW: 28: Singles
16: Doubles
32: Qualifying

SURFACE: Clay One of only four U.S. clay court tournaments
on the Kraft Tour

PROMOTER: International Management Group

PRESENTING SPONSOR: K-Lite, 93.7 FM

FEATURING: Seven of the top twenty-ranked players in the WTA,
including: Monica Seles, No. 1 in the Virginia Slims
rankings; Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati;
Conchita Martinez; Jana Novotna; Manuela Maleeva-
Fragiere; Mary Pierce; and Katerina Maleeva.

TICKETS: Available at the Virginia Slims of Houston office
(713/953-1111) and all Ticketmaster locations, including:
Fiesta, Sears, Foley's and Sound Warehouse locations.

Monday-Thursday

(10 am) Day Matches	\$ 10
(7 pm) Evening Matches	\$ 15

Friday Quarterfinals

(12 noon) Day Matches	\$ 13
(7 pm) Evening Matches	\$ 18

Saturday Semifinals

(1 pm) Day Matches	\$ 22
(7 pm) Evening Matches	\$ 22

Sunday Finals

(2 pm) Day Matches	\$ 27
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For the second consecutive year, continuous, air-conditioned shuttle service between Town & Country Mall and the Westside Tennis Club will be provided to all 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston ticket holders. There will be no on-site parking for the public on the grassy easements off of Wilcrest near the Club.

The shuttle busses will pick-up passengers at the Town & Country Mall JCPenney Entrance #5. The shuttle fee will be \$2.00 per person, round trip. Week long shuttle passes may be purchased by calling the tournament office, 713/953-1111.

The hours of shuttle operations will be: Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Friday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 27, 11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 28, 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. On all days the shuttles will run until one hour after the conclusion of the final match.

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More Super Bowl predictions from the world of women's tennis:

Steffi Graf: Dallas Cowboys
Pam Shriver: Buffalo Bills
Zina Garrison-Jackson: Dallas Cowboys (picked them at the beginning of the year)

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Statistics from the Australian Open:

No. 12 ranked Mary Pierce, who will play in the Virginia Slims of Houston March 22-28, reached the quarterfinal round of a Grand Slam event for the first time at the 1993 Australian Open.

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Steffi Graf now holds a 6-1 career advantage over Jennifer Capriati when they have competed on clay, since defeating Capriati in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open this week. Capriati's only win came when she claimed the Gold Medal at the 1992 Summer Olympics. Capriati is making her debut on the clay courts of Westside Tennis Club at the Virginia Slims of Houston this year.

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1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON MEDIA CREDENTIALS

WHO: Alerting all accredited media...

WHAT: Media credentials for the **1993 Virginia Slims of Houston** will be required for all media covering the tournament, beginning with the draw on Friday, March 19, and culminating with final matches on Sunday, March 28.

WHEN: Requests must be submitted by mailing the attached form to:

Julie Wiegel
Dancie Perugini Ware Public Relations
3135 Texas Commerce Tower
Houston, TX 77002

Requests may also be faxed to Julie at 713/224-3248.

WHERE: Media credentials will be mailed prior to the tournament. All attending media are required to register in the media center upon arrival to the tournament. The press room is located in the Fitness Room of the Westside Tennis Club, 1200 Wilcrest, and will be open to credentialed media from Saturday, March 20, through Sunday, March 28.

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MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

In order to accommodate your needs for the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston, please complete the credential application form and return by March 1 to:

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Dancie Perugini Ware Public Relations
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FAST FACTS

- Tournament dates: March 22 - 28.
Singles final on Sunday, March 28. Doubles to follow.
- Singles - 28 Draw
Doubles - 16 Draw
Qualifying - 32 Draw
- Featuring 1992 defending champion and No. 1-ranked Monica Seles and Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati.

CREDENTIAL APPLICATION FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

NAME _____ TYPE OF MEDIA _____
(Broadcast, Newspaper, Photo, etc.)
AFFILIATION _____ TELEPHONE (work) _____
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(fax) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CIRCLE DAYS COVERING: M T W TH F SA SUN ALL
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SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

Note: If more than one person is covering, please attach a separate sheet.



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COURTSIDE NOTES

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The Arthur Ashe Foundation is committed to continuing its fifteen-month campaign to raise \$5 million dollars and educate the public about AIDS following the death of the tennis legend this past week. At tennis tournaments worldwide, including at all Virginia Slims tournaments, there will be Arthur Ashe Foundation booths distributing educational materials on AIDS and collecting donations. Players on the men's and women's tours will wear yellow tennis ball patches with red ribbons as a sign of their support for the Foundation and its efforts. The Virginia Slims of Chicago has challenged all other tournaments to exceed their total contribution to the Arthur Ashe Foundation.

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With her win in Tokyo, Martina Navratilova has jumped into the No. 3 spot in the Virginia Slims Rankings. The last time she was at No. 3 was in August 1992. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is ranked No. 4, just six points behind Martina. Gabriela Sabatini has dropped to the No. 5 position for the first time since January 1991.

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Other significant jumps in the Virginia Slims Rankings:

Pam Shriver: from No. 31 to No. 24
Larisa Neiland: from No. 74 to No. 36
Caroline Kuhlman: from No. 88 to No. 62
Elna Renach: from No. 102 to No. 68

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There are some interesting doubles teams competing at the Virginia Slims of Chicago this week. The top seeded team is Manon Bollegraf and Pam Shriver. Bollegraf's usual partner, Katrina Adams, is playing with Zina-Garrison Jackson, and they are the second seed. Betsy Nagelson, who received the tournament's wildcard in singles, is playing with Monica Seles.

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ADDENDUM

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The Virginia Slims of Houston has announced that it will conduct several fund raising activities leading up to and during the tournament week to benefit the Arthur Ashe Foundation for The Defeat of AIDS.

- There will be a Silent Auction of autographed sports memorabilia and other items, including tennis racquets signed by Monica Seles and Chris Evert and a golf glove autographed by Arnold Palmer.
- The corps of volunteers who staff the tournament have pledged to hold a fundraising drive, and will make a check presentation to the Foundation at the tournament.
- Corporate sponsor Lexus will host a fast serve contest among the tournament players during the week of the tournament, through Saturday, February 27. On that day, they will add a zero to the speed of the fastest serve, and will make a contribution in that amount to the Foundation (i.e. if the serve is 110 m.p.h., Lexus will contribute \$1,100).
- A portion of the proceeds raised by the Houston Tennis Association through tie-break tournaments held at tennis clubs throughout the city will be donated to the Foundation.
- Oshman's Supersports, at Gessner and Katy Freeway, will have a Virginia Slims of Houston Day on Saturday, February 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Activities will include a "Hit the Target" contest in which participants will be asked to make a \$1.00 donation to the Foundation.

Other promotions and fund raising efforts are being planned. For more information, contact the tournament office at 713/953-1111.

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All attending media are required to register in the media center upon arrival to the tournament. We will be issuing further press information throughout the tournament, so please check in.

TOURNAMENT MEDIA CENTER

WHERE: Fitness Center
Westside Tennis Club
1200 Wilcrest, just north of Briar Forest

HOURS: Hours of operation will begin Saturday, March 20 with the qualifying rounds. As a general rule, the media center opens an hour before matches begin and closes an hour after matches end. The media center opens:

9 AM Monday - Tuesday
10 AM Wednesday - Thursday
11 AM Friday
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Please make copies of this information available to all reporters and photographers covering the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston.

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NEW ENTRIES ANNOUNCED FOR FIELD AT VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (February 18, 1993) . . . Tournament Director Barbara Perry today announced several new entries and one withdrawal from the field of the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston, which will take place from March 22-28 at the Westside Tennis Club. Presented by K-Lite, 93.7 FM, the Virginia Slims of Houston is the 15th stop on the Kraft Tour.

"Our field is shaping up to be one of the strongest in recent memory," said Perry. "Joining No. 1 ranked Monica Seles and Olympic Gold Medalist Jennifer Capriati will be Julie Halard, Radka Zrubakova, Sandra Cecchini, Sabine Hack, Ann Grossman, Iva Majoli, Florencia Labat and Linda Harvey-Wild." Perry also announced that Houstonian Lori McNeil had withdrawn from the tournament.

No. 20 ranked Julie Halard will be making her first appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston. She has risen in the Virginia Slims Rankings to her current position from No. 28 this year, in large part due to her quarterfinal appearance at the Australian Open, where she lost to eventual victor Monica Seles.

It was the first time that Halard ever reached the quarterfinal round of a Grand

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Slam event. In 1992, she reached the fourth round of Wimbledon, with an upset of Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the second round.

No. 41 ranked Iva Majoli is making her second appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston. As a wild card in last year's tournament, she upset Lori McNeil 6-3, 6-3 in the second round, before losing to tournament finalist Zina Garrison-Jackson 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals. Her ranking jumped 352 spots, from No. 537 to No. 185. She defeated McNeil again in 1992, in the second round of Oakland, and also defeated the No. 2 seed Nathalie Tauziat in the second round at Indianapolis, before falling to eventual tournament finalist Linda Harvey-Wild in the quarterfinals. She was the only unseeded player to advance to the quarterfinals at last week's Virginia Slims of Chicago; when she entered that tournament she was ranked No. 50.

Radka Zrubakova, ranked No. 32, will be playing for the second time in the Virginia Slims of Houston. In 1991, she reached the round of 16, to fall to Monica Seles, who won the tournament for the second time that year. She had wins in 1992 over Judith Wiesner (in the third round of Lipton), Ann Grossman (in the quarterfinals of Toronto), Magdalena Maleeva (in the quarterfinals of the European Open), and Jana Novotna (in the third round of the German Open).

No. 34 ranked Sandra Cecchini will be making her fourth appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston, having reached the quarterfinals in both 1992 and 1990, and the semifinals

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in 1991 when she lost to the tournament winner that year, Monica Seles. In 1992, when she won the Clarins Open in Paris, she became only the fourth woman in the open-era to earn at least one singles title for ten consecutive years. Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Evonne Goolagong are the other three.

In her first appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston last year, Sabine Hack fell to Cecchini in the round of 16, in a two-set match that went to a tie break in both sets. In 1992, she upset top-seed Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere in the second round of the European Open, and also reached the fourth round of the French Open with a win over Mary Joe Fernandez. She also had victories in 1992 against Lori McNeil and Katerina Maleeva.

Ann Grossman, ranked No. 38, is making her second appearance at the Houston tournament, after reaching the quarterfinals in 1991, where she lost to Mary Joe Fernandez. She reached the semifinals of the 1992 Indian Wells tournament with wins over Akiko Kijimuta, Catarina Lindqvist, Kathy Rinaldi and Amy Frazier (the first time she defeated Frazier since they were juniors). She eventually lost to Conchita Martinez.

Linda Harvey-Wild, making her third appearance at the Virginia Slims of Houston, is currently No. 43 in the Virginia Slims Rankings. In 1991, she reached the semifinals, with wins over Gigi Fernandez, Tami Whitlinger and Gabriela Mosca, before falling to Mary Joe Fernandez. In 1992, she lost to Sandra Cecchini in the round of 32. At the 1992 Eastbourne tournament, she handed then-No. 4 ranked Martina Navratilova her earliest round loss since

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1981, with a 6-3, 6-7(4-7), 6-3 win in the second round. She went on to the final of the tournament, falling to Lori McNeil 6-4, 6-4. She reached the final of 1992 Indianapolis by defeating Mary Lou Daniels, Katrina Adams, Iva Majoli and Katerina Maleeva, eventually losing to Helena Sukova. She also had wins in 1992 against Helen Kelesi, Jo Durie and Eva Pfaff.

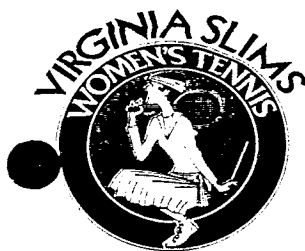
The Virginia Slims of Houston is one of six Virginia Slims sponsored events in the U.S. on the 1993 Kraft Tour, that culminates in November with the season-ending \$3.5 million Virginia Slims Championships at New York's Madison Square Garden. The top 16 singles players and top eight doubles teams, determined by points accumulated during the year, will vie for the \$1 million tournament prize money. The top 20 singles players and eight doubles teams will also be eligible to receive money from the \$2.5 million Virginia Slims Bonus Pool.

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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 Benefitting The Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS

WHAT: Oshman's SuperSports USA will host a **Virginia Slims of Houston Day**, including prize giveaways of Virginia Slims logo merchandise and tournament tickets. Participants can donate \$1 to enter the "Hit the Target" contest in the in-store tennis test-play area. Proceeds will benefit The Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS.

WHY: The Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS was established in August 1992 to educate the public about AIDS while raising funds to support AIDS research, patient support services and education. As a sign of support for the foundation, fans can purchase the Arthur Ashe Foundation symbolic pin, a yellow tennis ball patch with red ribbon, by making a \$5 donation at Oshman's SuperSports USA.

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WHEN: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, February 27

WHERE: Oshman's SuperSports USA
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ON-SITE CONTACT: Deborah Smart, General Manager of Oshman's SuperSports USA

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EVENING AT VICTORY'S SALUTES VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 1, 1993) . . . The 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston serves up a fun-filled evening, including informal modeling of new spring tennis fashions from Oshman's SuperSports USA, from 5 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, at Victory's Grill, 2630 Augusta.

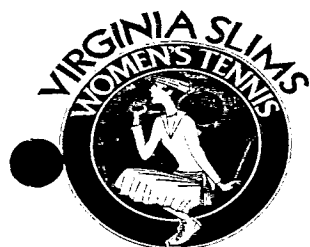
Free activities include tennis trivia contests, drawings to win Virginia Slims logo T-shirts and caps and ticket giveaways for the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston, which will take place from March 22 - 28 at the Westside Tennis Club.

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UP-AND-COMER CLIMBS THROUGH VIRGINIA SLIMS RANKINGS

Talk about rising through the Rankings! When she entered the 1992 Virginia Slims of Houston as a wildcard, Iva Majoli was ranked No. 537 in the Virginia Slims Rankings. Now ranked No. 43, she upset No. 27 ranked Gigi Fernandez in the first round at this week's Virginia Slims of Florida. Majoli, who started her climb in the Virginia Slims Rankings at last year's Virginia Slims of Houston with an upset of Lori McNeil, has stated that reaching the Top 10 is her goal for this year. She has also announced that in April Nick Bollettieri will become her coach; she is now coached by her brother and father. Majoli has entered the field for the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston.

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TRACY AUSTIN POSSIBLE WILDCARD ENTRY

Virginia Slims of Houston tournament director Barbara Perry confirmed that she has spoken to Tracy Austin about taking a wildcard for the 1993 Houston tournament.

"I discussed the possibility with Tracy at Indian Wells, and she didn't say yes, but she didn't say no, either," said Perry. Austin had two impressive wins at the tournament, including a defeat of No. 2 seed Katerina Maleeva, and her matches drew extensive attention from both the media and spectators alike. Austin, who has not played the Houston tournament since 1983, needs three more tournaments under her belt to get onto the Virginia Slims Rankings. She has decided to accept a wildcard for the Lipton Championships, and is considering Houston as another possibility.

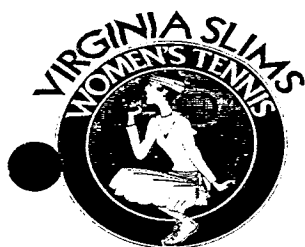
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NEW LOCATION FOR SLIMS SHUTTLE PICK-UP, DROP-OFF

Due to construction at Town & Country Center, the location for the Virginia Slims of Houston parking shuttle has changed slightly from last year. The air-conditioned shuttle buses will now pick-up and drop-off passengers at Town & Country Center in the JC Penney parking lot located between Luby's and the post office. The shuttle fee will be \$2.00 per person, round trip. Week-long shuttle passes may be purchased by calling the tournament office, 713/953-1111.

The hours of shuttle operations will be: Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Wednesday, March 24 and Thursday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Friday, March 26, 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 27, 11:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 28, 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. On all days the shuttles will run until one hour after the conclusion of the final match.

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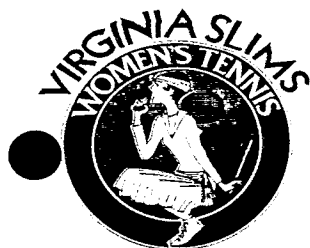
HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 10, 1993) . . . For the second consecutive year, continuous, air-conditioned shuttle service between Town & Country Center and the Westside Tennis Club will be provided to all 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston ticket holders. There will be no on-site parking for the public on the grass easements off Wilcrest near the Club.

The shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers at the Town & Country Center JC Penney Entrance #5. The shuttle fee will be \$2 per person, round trip. Week-long shuttle passes may be purchased by calling the tournament office, 713/953-1111.

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BALLPERSON TRAINING SESSION SET FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

WHAT: The Houston Professional Tennis Association will host a training session for courtside ball handlers for the upcoming \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston, March 22 - 28 at the Westside Tennis Club.

WHO: Approximately fifty participants will learn ball handling fundamentals and courtside protocol from Nigel Waithe, tennis professional from First Colony, and Peter Farrell, head teaching professional at Willowfork Country Club.

WHEN: Saturday, March 13
3 - 5 p.m.

WHERE: Westside Tennis Club
1200 Wilcrest
Stadium Court
Rain location -- Indoor Courts

**ON-SITE
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FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1993

**DRAW -- 11:00 A.M.
BRUNCH -- 11:30 A.M.**

**WESTSIDE TENNIS CLUB
1200 WILCREST
COURT #14**

**RAIN LOCATION
INDOOR COURT #23**

*Parking available in parking lot
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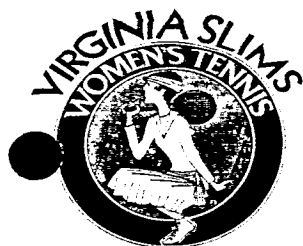
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HOUSTON OILER RAY CHILDRESS QUARTERBACKS DRAW FOR 1993 VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

WHAT: Houston Oiler All-Pro defensive lineman Ray Childress will quarterback the draw for the upcoming \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston, slated for March 22 - 28 at the Westside Tennis Club. One of the tournament contenders will join Childress on court to conduct the draw, which determines the match order for the first round of tournament play.

Top-ranked seeds for the tournament include defending champion and No. 1-ranked Monica Seles and Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Capriati, appearing in her first Virginia Slims of Houston tournament. Qualifying rounds take place Saturday - Sunday, March 20 - 21, and match play begins Monday, March 22, culminating with the final beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 28.

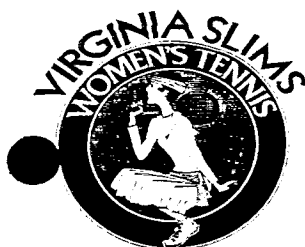
WHEN: Friday, March 19, 1993
11 a.m.

WHERE: Westside Tennis Club
1200 Wilcrest
Court #14
Rain location -- Indoor Court #23

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HOUSTONIAN LORI McNEIL CHANGES COACHES

As of this week, Houstonian Lori McNeil has spilt with long-time coach John Wilkerson and is now being coached by Juan Nuñez. Nuñez, who was working with Brenda Schultz earlier this year, has also worked with Natalia Zvereva and with Chris Evert for part of her career.

SLIMS OF HOUSTON TO RAISE MONEY FOR ASHE FOUNDATION

The Virginia Slims of Houston will conduct a silent auction throughout the week of the tournament, the proceeds of which will benefit the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS. The Foundation will have a booth set up on-site at the tournament, at which tournament goers can bid on the following items (other auction items may also be available):

- Tennis racquet autographed by No. 1 ranked Monica Seles
- Tennis skirt and tennis shoes autographed by Olympic Gold Medalist Jennifer Capriati
- Tennis racquet autographed by Chris Evert
- Tennis outfit (hat, shirt and shorts) autographed by Andre Agassi
- Tennis outfit (shirt and shorts) autographed by Jim Courier
- Baseball autographed by Nolan Ryan
- Golf glove autographed by Arnold Palmer
- Football autographed by Warren Moon
- Basketball autographed by Hakeem Olajuwon
- T-shirt autographed by ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi
- A five-night stay for four people at John Newcombe's Tennis Ranch
- Fifteen Sky Box Suite tickets and four valet parking passes, plus food and beverage for the Rockets vs. Minnesota Timberwolves game on April 22, 1993
- Two pairs of two tickets to the Astros vs. San Diego Padres on Tuesday, June 15, 1993, including dinner at any Pappasito's Cantina Restaurant
- A pair of celedon and cream striped boudoir chairs from Finger Furniture
- Two tickets for the Houston Grand Opera matinee performance of *Aida* on May 9, 1993
- A "Six Seasons of Beauty" package from Urban Retreat
- Three hundred (300) minutes of free air time for a GTE Mobilnet cellular phone customer
- A cocktail party with wine and hors d'oeuvres for 200 people in the store donated by Isabell Gerhart
- Custom-made suit, jacket and three dress shirts, courtesy of Mark Williams Co.
- Dinner to go for twelve people, courtesy of Ruth Meric Catering

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PIERCE WITHDRAWS FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 19, 1993) . . . It was announced today by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) that Mary Pierce is withdrawing from the Virginia Slims of Houston. "Mary is still suffering from the effects of the flu," said WTA Tour Director, Lisa Grattan.

Radka Zrubakova will move into Mary Pierce's place in the draw, and Anne Minter has joined the field of players for the tournament.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Updated draw sheet and Anne Minter's biography to follow this release.

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SABATINI JOINS FIELD FOR HOUSTON SLIMS; SELES WITHDRAWS

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 22, 1993) . . . Argentinean superstar Gabriela Sabatini has been added to the field at the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston. Sabatini will replace No.1 seed Monica Seles who withdrew earlier today due to lingering effects from the flu. Seles withdrew from last week's Lipton Championships due to the same ailment.

"While we are obviously disappointed to lose Monica, I am thrilled that Gabriela will make her first appearance here since 1987," said Tournament Director Barbara Perry. "She certainly is one of the most popular players on the Kraft Tour and Houston fans will get a real treat watching her play. We have tentatively scheduled her first match for Thursday evening."

Tickets for the tournament are available, ranging in price from \$10 - \$27. To charge tickets by phone, or for information about box seats and weekend and series packages, call the tournament office at 713/953-1111. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets, including Foley's, Fiesta, Sound Warehouse and Sears.

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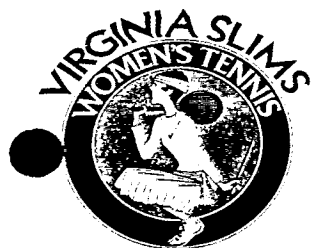
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Sabatini, Gabriela	22	ARG	5
Capriati, Jennifer	16	Saddlebrook, FL	7
Martinez, Conchita	20	ESP	8
Novotna, Jana	24	TCH	9
Maleeva-Fragniere, Manuela	26	SUI	10
Maleeva, Katerina	23	BUL	15
Halard, Julie	22	FRA	22
Zrubakova, Radka	22	SVK	32
Cecchini, Sandra	28	ITA	33
Hack, Sabine	23	GER	39
Harvey-Wild, Linda	22	Hawthorn Woods, IL	42
Labat, Florencia	21	ARG	45
Kschwendt, Karin	24	GER	52
Durie, Jo	32	GBR	49
Martinek, Veronika	20	GER	56
Ferrando, Linda	27	ITA	57
Graham, Debbie	22	Fountain Valley, CA	54
Gorrochategui, Ines	19	ARG	64
Kuhlman, Caroline	26	Lakeside Park, KY	70
Temesvari, Andrea	26	HUN	77
Bettina Fulco-Villella	24	ARG	89
Christina Papadaki	20	GRC	160
Tatiana Ignatieva	19	CIS	330
Anne Minter	29	AUS	520

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MONDAY RESULTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

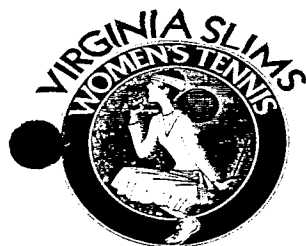
HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 22, 1993) . . . Qualifying play continued today at the \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston at Westside Tennis Club. Tracey Morton, Virginia Ruano-Pascual, Patricia Tarabini, Rene Simpson-Alter, and Laura Golarsa advanced into the main draw, filling the four qualifying spots and one lucky-loser position vacated when Ines Gorrochategui withdrew earlier today.

In main draw tournament play, No. 8 seed Julie Halard defeated Florencia Labat, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

Tournament Director Barbara Perry cancelled the rest of Monday's matches at 5:30 p.m. due to heavy rain. Tournament play will resume on Tuesday morning, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tickets for Monday's night session will be honored at both the day and night sessions on Tuesday, according to Perry.

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QUALIFIER TARABINI UPSETS FIFTH-SEED MALEEVA-FRAGNIERE

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 23, 1993) . . . Patricia Tarabini of Argentina, who entered the field for the Virginia Slims of Houston as a qualifier, upset the No. 5 seed, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, 6-3, 6-1 in tournament play today. Tarabini, 24, is ranked No. 143 in the Virginia Slims Rankings.

In other singles play, No. 7 seed Katerina Maleeva defeated Karin Kschwendt 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; Debbie Graham defeated Anne Minter, 6-3, 6-1; and Sandra Cecchini advanced with a defeat of Linda Harvey-Wild, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Sabine Hack defeated Linda Ferrando 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; Veronika Martinek defeated Bettina Fulco-Villella 6-0, 2-6, 6-3; and Rene Simpson-Alter defeated Caroline Kuhlman in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Christine Papadaki, a wild card entry into the tournament, defeated Jo Durie, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 and the other wild card, Tatiana Ignatieva advanced with a win over Laura Golarsa, 6-3, 6-2. Virginia Ruano-Pascual defeated qualifier Tracey Morton, 7-5, 6-1.

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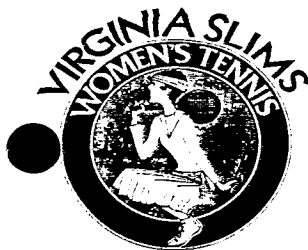
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In doubles play, Ingelise Driehuis and Lupita Novelo defeated Linda Ferrando and Laura Golarsa 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

In the evening session of tournament play, it took Radka Zrubakova three hours and seventeen minutes to defeat Andrea Temesvari 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-3). The No. 1 seed in doubles, Houstonian Katrina Adams and Manon Bollegraf, defeated the qualifying team of Camille Benjamin and Caroline Kuhlman, 6-2, 7-6 (7-0).

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VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON PLAYERS RACE THROUGH FIESTA TO BENEFIT END HUNGER NETWORK

WHAT: Jennifer Capriati and three other top players from the Virginia Slims of Houston will race as doubles teams against each other and the clock to benefit a Houston food pantry. Fiesta will play host to a three-minute race through the aisles, where the players will compete to see which team can fill a grocery cart with the highest dollar amount of non-perishable food items. The winners' cart of groceries will be donated to the End Hunger Network of Houston.

The \$375,000 Virginia Slims of Houston is taking place this week, through Sunday, March 28, at the Westside Tennis Club, 1200 Wilcrest. Tickets for the tournament are available by calling 713/953-1111, or at all TicketMaster locations.

WHEN: Thursday, March 25, 1993
10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fiesta
Blalock at I-10 (Katy Freeway)

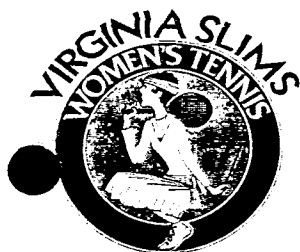
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EDITORS' NOTE: You will be notified of exact players participating, to be determined on Wednesday afternoon.

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JENNIFER CAPRIATI AT OSHMAN'S

As soon as she hit town, Jennifer Capriati headed for Oshman's SuperSports USA -- not for equipment, but to sign autographs. She drew a crowd of approximately 200 who wanted to meet the Olympic Gold Medalist. She will play her first match at the Virginia Slims of Houston on Wednesday evening, against wild card Tatiana Ignatieva.

VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON TICKET AND PARKING INFORMATION

Ticket sales for the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston are well ahead of the pace of previous years, according to Tournament Director Barbara Perry. "The final matches on Sunday are virtually sold out, but we still have good seats left for matches in the earlier rounds, and we would like to encourage tennis fans to call about tickets as soon as possible," Perry said.

Because large crowds are anticipated, Perry also encouraged patrons to use the parking shuttle service between Town & Country Mall and Westside Tennis Club. The shuttle fee will be \$2.00 per person, round trip.

LEXUS SPONSORS FAST SERVE CONTEST

Corporate sponsor Lexus will host a fast serve contest among the tournament players through Saturday. A zero will be added to the speed of the fastest serve and will make a contribution in that amount to the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS (i.e. if the serve is 110 m.p.h., Lexus will contribute \$1,100). As of Tuesday, the top five fastest serves were:

•	Debbie Graham	101 m.p.h.
•	Sandra Cecchini	100 m.p.h.
•	Andrea Temesvari	100 m.p.h.
•	Karin Kschwendt	97 m.p.h.
•	Julie Halard	97 m.p.h.
•	Florencia Labat	96 m.p.h.
•	Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere	96 m.p.h.
•	Linda Harvey-Wild	90 m.p.h.

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WEDNESDAY RESULTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 24, 1993) . . . At the Virginia Slims of Houston today, wild card entry Tatiana Ignatieva pulled off a major upset, defeating No. 2 seed Jennifer Capriati, 2-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-2. Capriati is currently ranked No. 7, while Ignatieva is ranked No. 330. In the evening doubles match, Jo Durie and Julie Richardson defeated Maria Lindstrom and Louise Fleming, 6-7 (7-1), 6-3, 6-2.

In other singles tournament action, fourth-seeded Jana Novotna advanced to the quarterfinals of the Virginia Slims of Houston today, with a victory over Veronika Martinek, 6-3, 6-2. The No. 8 seed, Julie Halard, was not as lucky, suffering an upset loss to Sabine Hack, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles play, the second-seeded team, Sandra Cecchini and Patricia Tarabini defeated Tracey Morton and Andrea Temesvari, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. Petra Ritter and Caroline Vis defeated Bettina Fulco-Villella and Virginia

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Ruano-Pascual, 6-1, 7-6 (7-1); Eugenia Maniokova and Radka Zrubakova defeated wild card Kellie Dorman-Tyrone and Philippa Palmer, 6-1, 6-1; sisters Katerina Maleeva and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere defeated Debbie Graham and Linda Harvey-Wild, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); and Karin Kschwendt and Florencia Labat defeated Cammy MacGregor and Rene Simpson-Alter 6-3, 6-2.

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SLIMS PLAYERS RACE THROUGH FIESTA TO BENEFIT END HUNGER NETWORK

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 25, 1993) . . . Two teams of two players each from the Virginia Slims of Houston raced each other and the clock today to benefit a Houston food pantry. Fiesta supermarket played host to Katrina Adams and Manon Bollegraf, who raced through the aisles for three minutes against the team of Tatiana Ignatieva and Caroline Vis to see which team could fill a grocery cart with the highest dollar amount of non-perishable food items.

Adams and Bollegraf, the No. 1 seed doubles team in the tournament, were the winners, gathering \$333.96 worth of groceries, to the groceries worth \$265.24 picked up by Ignatieva. All of the groceries were donated to the End Hunger Network of Houston.

Barbara Falik, spokesperson for the End Hunger Network, said, "We can't thank Virginia Slims and Fiesta enough. "There are so many hungry people in Houston and this small effort is an easy way to help someone who needs a little food on their table."

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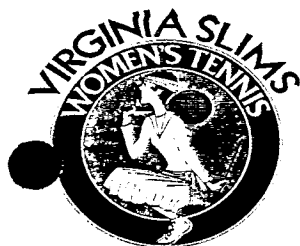
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"It's great to have a chance to do something that benefits the community," said Katrina Adams. "It's especially nice that I got to do this here in Houston, since this is where I live."

The Virginia Slims of Houston continues through Sunday at the Westside Tennis Club, 1200 Wilcrest. Tickets are available and may be purchased by phone by calling 953-1111, or at all TicketMaster locations, including Foley's, Fiesta, Sears and Sound Warehouse.

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IGNATIEVA JUMPS IN VIRGINIA SLIMS RANKINGS

With her surprise upset of No. 7 ranked Jennifer Capriati, Tatiana Ignatieva will jump to about No. 119 in the Virginia Slims Rankings. She started the tournament at No. 330.

DENNIS RALSTON TO SIGN AUTOGRAPHS AT NETPRO BOOTH

Tennis legend Dennis Ralston, who now coaches Gabriela Sabatini, will be signing autographs at the NETPRO booth on Friday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m. Ralston will be available to take questions from the media at that time.

LEXUS FAST SERVE CONTEST PICKS UP SPEED

Five tournament players have broken the 100 m.p.h. mark in the fast serve contest which continues through Saturday. Corporate sponsor Lexus will add a zero to the speed of the fastest serve and make a contribution in that amount to the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS (i.e., for a 110 m.p.h. serve, Lexus will contribute \$1,100). As of Thursday, the top five fastest serves are:

• Jennifer Capriati	102 m.p.h.
• Debbie Graham	102 m.p.h.
• Jana Novotna	101 m.p.h.
• Andrea Temesvari	101 m.p.h.
• Sandra Cecchini	100 m.p.h.

PLAYERS RACE THROUGH FIESTA TO BENEFIT END HUNGER NETWORK

Two teams of two tournament players each raced one another and the clock through Fiesta supermarket to benefit the End Hunger Network of Houston today. The team of Katrina Adams and Manon Bollegraf gathered \$333.96 worth of groceries in three minutes to beat out the team of Tatiana Ignatieva and Caroline Vis with their cartload of non-perishable groceries totalling \$265.24. Fiesta donated all of the groceries to the End Hunger Network.

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THURSDAY RESULTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 25, 1993) . . . At the Virginia Slims of Houston today, No. 1 seed Gabriela Sabatini defeated Debbie Graham in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. In the evening doubles match, Sandra Cecchini and Patricia Tarabini defeated Ingelise Driehuis and Lubita Novelo, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

In other singles tournament action, Sandra Cecchini defeated No. 7 seed Katerina Maleeva, 7-6 (7-3), 6-0, to advance to Friday evening quarterfinals where she will meet Sabatini. Cecchini's doubles partner, Patricia Tarabini, also fared well today in singles play, defeating Virginia Ruano-Pascual, 6-4, 6-1. Radka Zrubakova also advances to the quarterfinals after a victory over Rene Simpson-Alter, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

In doubles play, No. 4 seeds Jo Durie and Julie Richardson were upset by sisters Katerina Maleeva and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0.

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BARBARA BUSH TO JOIN CHRIS EVERT FOR LUNCH AND TENNIS

Former First Lady Barbara Bush will be the special guest of retired tennis champion Chris Evert for the Saturday afternoon semi-finals and lunch at the Westside clubhouse. A legend in women's tennis and five-time winner of the Virginia Slims of Houston, Evert will be doing television commentary for the Sunday singles final, to be broadcast on the Home Sports Entertainment (HSE) channel.

THURSDAY EVENING ATTENDANCE LARGEST IN TOURNAMENT HISTORY

A record-breaking crowd of 5,013 spectators attended the Thursday evening singles match to see No. 1 seed Gabriela Sabatini handily defeat Debbie Graham, 6-0, 6-1. In the 24-year history of the tournament, this is the largest audience to view a Thursday evening singles match.

SOUTHWESTERN CUISINE SUITS NO. 1 SEED SABATINI

After an easy victory in her first round match against Debbie Graham, No. 1 seed Gabriela Sabatini joined tournament director Barbara Perry for nouveau cuisine with a Southwestern flair at Cafe Annie in the Galleria area.

GABY'S BOOTS TO BE MADE FOR WINNING

Before riding off into the Texas sunset, No. 1 seed Gabriela Sabatini plans a visit Saturday to Boot Town on Post Oak Boulevard in the Galleria area for a pair of cowboy boots.

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FRIDAY RESULTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 26, 1993) . . . In quarterfinal action tonight at the Virginia Slims of Houston, No. 1 seed, Gabriela Sabatini easily advanced over unseeded Sandra Cecchini in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. The evening main event lasted only one hour and thirteen minutes in front of a crowd of 5,489.

Tatiana Ignatieva, who defeated No. 2 seed Jennifer Capriati on Wednesday to advance to the quarters, was ousted from the tournament by Sabine Hack, 6-0, 6-3. No. 3 seed Conchita Martinez defeated qualifier Patricia Tarabini 6-3, 6-2. In the last singles match of the afternoon Radka Zrubakova lost to No. 4 seed Jana Novotna, 6-3, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles seeds, Houstonian Katrina Adams and Manon Bollegraf, were easy winners over Petra Ritter and Caroline Vis in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3 in the early afternoon match. The evenings doubles pairings saw No. 3 seeds Karin Kschwendt and Florencia Labat upset in a third set tiebreak by unseeded Eugenia Maniokova and Radka Zrubakova, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (9-7).

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CHRIS EVERT PRESS CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY

Chris Evert, making her return to the Virginia Slims of Houston to do television commentary for Sunday's singles final, will give a brief press conference in the interview room of the media center on Sunday at 12 noon. Credentialed media are invited to attend.

GRAF ENTERS, SELES WITHDRAWS FROM FAMILY CIRCLE

Four-time Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf has joined the field of the \$750,000 Family Circle Magazine Cup XXI, replacing the No. 1 ranked Monica Seles, who withdrew from her third straight Kraft Tour event today with lingering effects of the flu. The tournament is March 29 - April 4 at the Sea Pines Resort in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

JANA NOVOTNA LEADS IN LEXUS FAST SERVE CONTEST

No. 4 seed Jana Novotna captured the lead this evening in the Lexus fast serve contest, serving up a blistering 103 m.p.h. during her semi-finals match against Sabine Hack. Corporate sponsor Lexus will add a zero to the fastest serve speed through Saturday and contribute that amount to the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS.

SABATINI TAKES IN HOUSTON

Gabriela Sabatini was sighted at one of Houston's best-known restaurants during the week, and then took off to Boot Town to be fitted for authentic Texas cowboy boots -- could be a tough fit since she wears an eleven and a half.

PLAYERS' FAVORITE HOT SPOT

Several of the Slims players, including Conchita Martinez and Patricia Tarabini, have been sighted at Dave & Buster's this week. The hot spot has been popular for its carnival-style midway, featuring the hottest in video and arcade games and the latest sensation, virtual reality.

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SUNDAY RESULTS FROM THE VIRGINIA SLIMS OF HOUSTON

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 28, 1993) . . . The final of the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston was played today before a sell-out crowd of 5,697. The No. 3 seed, Conchita Martinez, defeated unseeded Sabine Hack, 6-3, 6-2, taking the top prize of \$75,000. Martinez played with an injury to the middle finger of her playing hand. She defeated Christine Papadaki in the second round and Patricia Tarabini in the quarterfinal before upsetting No. 1 seed Gabriela Sabatini, 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday.

To reach the final, Sabine Hack defeated Tatiana Ignatieva Friday in the quarterfinal and, in a three hour and twelve minute match upset No. 4 seed Jana Novotna, 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (11-9).

No. 1 seeds Houstonian Katrina Adams and Manon Bollegraf became the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston doubles champions, defeating unseeded Eugenia Maniokova and Radka Zrubakova 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (9-7).

Total attendance for the 1993 Virginia Slims of Houston was 44,779, the second highest in tournament history.

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VIRGINIA SLIMS RAISES FUNDS FOR ARTHUR ASHE FOUNDATION

The Virginia Slims of Houston conducted several fund raising efforts on behalf of the Arthur Ashe Foundation for the Defeat of AIDS. The Foundation has committed itself to continuing the \$5 million, 15-month campaign which was begun prior to Ashe's death, and the Kraft Tour has pledged its support of the campaign. Toward that end, the Houston tournament raised a total of \$12,223 through several fund raising initiatives, including the following:

- A silent auction held on-site at the tournament throughout the week, which culminated on Saturday night raised \$5,965. Some of the items auctioned and the winning bids were:
 - Chris Evert's autographed tennis racquet went for \$625
 - Jennifer Capriati's tennis shoes and skirt went for \$150 apiece
 - Monica Seles' autographed racquet netted \$275
 - Andre Agassi's autograph garnered \$500, as did Houston Rocket Hakeem Olajuwon's
 - Party at Isabell Gerhart's raised \$500
 - Autographed footballs from Houston Oilers Warren Moon and Ray Childress raised \$200 and \$125 respectively
- Sales of merchandise from the Arthur Ashe Foundation booth on-site at the tournament netted \$3,790
- Corporate sponsor Lexus hosted a fast serve contest, with a donation of \$1000 plus the speed of the fastest serve by one of the tournament players during the week. They rounded the contribution up to \$1,200.
- Tiebreak Tournaments raised \$617, and a fund raising drive by tournament volunteers netted \$651.

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